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LETTER OF TRANSMISSION.

Rooms of the Maryland Historical Society.

Baltimore, *October* 1, 1924.

To the Maryland Historical Society:

Gentlemen:

We have the honor to submit the forty-third volume of the Archives of Maryland, containing the Journal and Correspondence of the State Council from October 27, 1779 to 1780, and being the fifth volume of the sub-series devoted to this subject. The last volume of this Journal &c. was the twenty-first of the whole series and was printed in 1901. It seemed well to your Committee to return to the Revolutionary period in Maryland's history and to diversify the contents of the series by publishing this volume, not only because of the fact that, by so doing, a service would be rendered to those who may investigate the records for purposes of political, military or economic history, or for genealogy; but also because it is desirable to remind those who care for the past of Maryland that several kinds of manuscripts remain to be published in the Archives and further, because a considerable part of the material used in this volume was transcribed by Miss Harrison, over a score of years ago and so could be used without additional expense.

A few days after the beginning of the period covered by this volume, the term of office of Thomas Johnson, the first Governor of the State, expired and he was succeeded upon November 9, 1779, by Thomas Sim Lee, who was elected by the General Assembly, in accordance with the provisions of the State Constitution, to serve for one year.

The Journal and Letter Book of the Council are among the manuscript volumes of Archives deposited by the State with the Society. The letters to the Council are to be found in two collections, both deposited with the Society. The more important of these letters were secured from Annapolis by Col. Brantz Mayer very early in the Society's history and were bound into volumes known from the color of the binding as Black, Brown, or Red. Another large collection of letters was received from Annapolis by the Society, largely through the efforts of Mr. J. W. M. Lee about 1883. These letters were not untied until the late autumn of 1922 and the collection has not been used in any previous volume of the Archives. At some time in the future, it may appear desirable to issue a volume containing the supplemental material to the first four volumes of this Revolutionary Series.

In the early volumes of this sub-series of the Archives, the Journal of the Council for each day was followed by letters sent by the Council and those addressed by the Council upon that day. The plan has now been changed and

letters addressed to the Council are placed together and chronologically. The less important of these letters are printed only in abstract. The date when these answers are sent is not that when the Council received them and to try to place these with the Journal on the date of receipt would be confusing and would often only be done by conjecture. The result of this change in the method of printing is that a part of the letters to the Council for this period will be printed in a subsequent volume of the Archives, since to include them in this volume would have swelled it to an unwieldly size.

There are few special studies of this period. The editor's "Western Maryland in the Revolution" appeared in 1902 in the Johns Hopkins Studies in Historical and Political Science (Series XX No. 1). Beverly W. Bond, Jr., is the author of a useful monograph in these Studies upon the "State Government in Maryland 1777-1781." (Series XXIII No. III—1905).

There are few printed sources of importance which need reference. Some letters from Washington to Mordecai Gist appeared in I Md. Hist. Mag. at page 40 and Gist's Plan for reorganization of the Continental Army was printed in 3 Mag. Hist. (2nd Series) at page 270. A letter from Otto Holland Williams to Alexander Hamilton of August 30, 1780, is printed in the latter's Official and Other Papers I (1842) p. 424.

During the period covered by this volume, Maryland refused to sign the Articles of Confederation and her refusal was treated brilliantly by the late Herbert B. Adams in the Fund Publications and the J. H. U. Studies. In April, 1910, A. M. Dyer in the N. E. His. Gen. Reg. at page 167 treated the same subject in an article upon "First Ownership of This Land."

The period is rather a dreary one, but one editing manuscripts (or reading them when edited) must bear in mind the wise saying of Prof. George P. Fisher that: "We must take history as it is and not seek to read into it our reasonings and inferences. If we do not find philosophers self consistent, we must let them remain self inconsistent, instead of altering their systems to suit our ideas of logical harmony."

The interest in the work of the Council for 1780 is rather economic than military. We learn much of how the armies were fed and clothed and of the efforts to prevent extortionate prices for grain. The depreciation of the continental paper currency is noteworthy. A decided difficulty arose between the men who were buying grain for the American Army and those who were purchasing it for the French fleet and many letters passed upon that subject.

Joseph Walker, on February 3, 1780, offered Gov. Lee woolen cloth for uniforms and the sample which he submitted is as fast as if woven yesterday.

The permits to trade with Bermuda, an archipelago which did not produce grain for the sustenance of its inhabitants, form an unusual feature of the war.

Many persons obtained permission to cross the lines and go to New York City, which was held by the British. A specimen of such passes is given herewith:

ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 3d February 1780. In Council

Leave is hereby given to Mrs. Achsah Chamier Widow of Daniel Chamier Esquire deceased, to ship from New York on Board an unarmed Vessel, and therein to transport to the Road off Annapolis, the Household Furniture, wearing Apparel and other Goods mentioned in the List hereto annexed; She having made Affidavit that the same (except a few Articles that belong to her Daughter Mrs. Elizabeth McCall who lived with her while in New York) are her own Property, and having executed a Bond, in the Penalty of 20000 Pounds, with good Securities, that she will not dispose of the same in the way of Trade and Merchandise—Mrs. Chamier has Liberty to reship the said Goods, in Hampton Road on Board Bay Craft, to be transported to Baltimore Town.

THO. SIM. LEE

To the editor of this volume the fact is of interest that on page 295 appears the first reference in the series to any of his ancestors in the direct male line, for Capt. John Stoner, there referred to, used two spellings of his family name and his descendants in Maryland have kept to the original one—Steiner.

In an admirable article by George Macauley Trevelyan, which appeared in the English Magazine History for July, 1924, that able historian wrote: "The use of history is to train the minds of men by a just contemplation of the past." "There are, roughly speaking, these three parts of the historian's work: Collection of the facts (scientific), Interpretation, and Exposition (literary)." "To weigh the stars, or to make ships sail below the sea, is not a more astonishing and ennobling performance on the part of the human race in these latter days, than to know the course of events that had been long forgotten, and the true nature of men and women who were here before us." To aid in the scientific part of the work and thus to assist in enabling men to have "a just contemplation of the past" is the purpose of this publication of the State's Archives.

The Index to this volume has been prepared, as is our usual custom, by the editor, who has solaced himself in the tedium of so doing with the thought expressed in the Times (London) Literary Supplement for July 3, 1924: "No literary labor can be more onerous or less inspiring than index-making: it is the kind of work with which the Greeks and Romans would have saddled their galley slaves had the index been as necessary in ancient times as it is today."

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JOURNAL AND CORRESPONDENCE

OF THE

COUNCIL OF MARYLAND

October 27, 1779–November 11, 1780.

Wednesday, 27 October, 1779.

Liber C B No. 23 p. 70 1779 October 27 [Lee was absent]

[Thomas Johnson, Governor, Thomas Sim Lee, James Brice, Daniel Carroll, Edward Lloyd, and James Hindman, Councillors.]

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Lieut John Jeremiah Jacob two thousand Dollars to be delivered over to the Revd Mr Armstrong Chaplaine to Genl Gists Brigade in leiw of the Articles for the Present year allowed by the Act of Assembly—

By General Gists Return of the 2^{d} Maryland Brigade Septr 18th 1779 the non Commiss^{d} Officers and Privates are

Second Regim^{t} 392 @ 20£ each	7840
4 Regim^{t} 418 and the 6th Reg^{t} 305	14460
there were a number of Recruits expected allow 10 Men for ea Reg^{t}	600
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Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Lieut John Jeremiah Jacob Twenty two thousand nine hundred Pounds, six thousand three hundred Pounds part thereof to be retained by him as Paymaster to the 6th Regim^{t} Eight thousand and forty Pounds other part thereof he is to pay over to Capt Lilburn Williams Paymaster to the 2^{d} & the residue being Eight thousand five hundred and Sixty Pounds he is to pay over to Lieut John Hamilton Paymaster to the 4th Maryland Regim^{t} to be by the said Paymasters delivered over to the non commissioned Officers & Privates of those Regiments.—

That the said Treasurer pay to the said Lieut John Jeremiah Jacob two thousand Dollars to be delivered over to Brigadier Genl Gist the all^{a} made him by the G^{l} Assembly

Summons issued to Abraham Whitacre, Benjamin Bradford Norris, John Selby, Walter Taylor, William Wells, David McSwain

Liber C B No. 23 & Obediah Pritchard of Harford County to Testify on the Hearing of the Complaint of Thomas Dorsey complaining of an undue and irregular Election of Sheriffs for Harford County—

Lieut Thomas Cromwell is appointed Capt Lieut to the 4th Maryland Regiment

John Hamilton first Lieut and John Randall Ensign in the same Regt

Samuel Hamilton is appointed Ensign in the 6th Regimt

Capt Lieut Benjamin Price is appointed Capt. in the 2d Maryld Regimt

Lt John Gassaway is appointed Capt Lieut in same Regimt

William Woolford is appointed a first Lieut in Do

Thomas Boyd son of Abraham Ensign in Do

Zedekiah Moore is appd Ensign in Do and

Edmund Compton is appd an Ensign in the 1 Maryland Regiment

This Board do approve the above Appointments and request Commissions may issue accordingly from the Board of War—

Liber C C No. 22 p. 33

[Council to Gen. William Smallwood]

In Council Annapolis 27th Octr 1779

Sir We have inclosed you a Letter to his Excelly Genl Washington, requesting that a fourth Company of Artillery may be formed of the three we have at Camp, to be commanded by a Major; there are Men enough for it & still to spare and it will give an Opportunity of gratifying the Officers of Brown's & Dorsey's Companies, who complain, with, at least, a Shew of Reason, and we shall then keep our own Men together. We request the Favor of you to deliver the Letter at a proper Time and, as far as you may think it right, join in our Request to the General. We are &ca

[Council to Gen'l G. Washington]

p. 34 Sir. On hearing that the two Companies of Matrosses kept here and at Baltimore by this State, were directed by the Assembly to be incorporated and sent into the Continental Service, Capt Lieut James Smith of Brown's Company & Capt Lieut Edward Finley of Dorsey's Company, wrote to the Governor proposing their Pretensions to rise, if any Appointments were to take Place in that Company. The Manner of their Writing, it being with great Temper on what they esteemed an interesting Point of Right, is a Confirmation, in some Degree, of what we have heard of their Merit: before we received their Letter, the Company was commissioned, and that, as we conceive, in the Manner we should have been obliged to commission it, if we had received the Letter, immediately on the Act of Assembly

passing. It is much our Desire to remove every good Ground for Complaint amongst our Officers and perhaps, as to the Artillery Officers from Maryland, it might be done by making, of the three Maryland Companies, a fourth, the whole to be considered as one Corps under the Command of a Major; this would leave Room to place every Officer in the Situation he thinks himself entitled to, each Company would still have more Men than the Establishment and we apprehend, it would be more convenient for every Purpose. If your Excellency should entertain the same Sentiments, we shall be obliged to you to regulate this Matter in the proposed Way, or to recommend it so that it may be done. We have the Honor to be with the most perfect Esteem & Respect &ca Liber C C No. 22

[Council to Board of War] p. 34

Gent. Colo Hall of the 4th Maryland Regiment, some Time since, wrote us, " Mr James Smith's Resignation dated 20th June 1779 and " Mr Nathaniel Twining's dated 1st June 1779 leaves a Capt Lieu- " tenancy and a first Lieutenancy vacant. Lieutenant Cromwell is " entitled to the Capt Lieutenancy and Mr John Hamilton, who has " acted as Paymaster to my Regimt these two years and by the Ar- " rangement appointed to an Ensigncy is by Promotion, entitled to " the first vacant Lieutenancy." In another Letter Colo Hall recommends Mr John Randall for a Commission in the same Regiment; we approve the Promotions and appoint Mr Randall to an Ensigncy in the fourth Maryland Regiment and request Commissions may issue accordingly. Colo Williams of the sixth Maryland Regiment writes the 14th Inst. " Some Time in August, I furnished Major " General the Baron DeKalb with a List of Vacancies in the Mary- " land Line, to be transmitted to your Excellency; the Officers who " are entitled to Promotion are impatient for their new Commis- " sions and I am sorry to inform you there are Losses, where, for " want of them, Officers do not that Duty which otherwise might be " expected and would be done with Satisfaction. Mr Samuel Hamil- " ton, whom I took the Liberty to recommend for the Commission " of Ensign about the first of June last and whose Name was after- " wards inserted in a List of those to be recommended to the Board " of War, has been doing Duty in my Regimt since the first of " August; if my Recommendation is not rejected, Mr Hamilton will " bear Rank in the Regiment next after Mr Lynn." We have not p. 35
received the List mentioned to have been furnished to Major Genl the Baron DeKalb; we could wish, if the List has been transmitted to your Board that the Officers entitled to Promotion may have their Commissions. We approve Mr Samuel Hamilton and appoint him an Ensign in the sixth Maryland Regiment and desire his Commission may issue. Lieut Colo Thomas Woolford of the 2d Maryland

Liber C C No. 22 Regiment writes the 14th Inst. "Capt Lieut Benjamin Price, from "the Resignation of Capt Wright, who resigned the first of July "79. is entitled to a full Captaincy and Lieut John Gassaway from "the same Date, entitled to Capt Lieut and Ensign William Wool-"ford with the Rank of second Lieut entitled to a first Lieutenancy "from the Resignation of Lieut. John Read, who resigned 11th Apl "1779." be pleased to issue the Commissions accordingly. Col. Woolford also in another Letter recommends Mr Zedekiah Moore as Ensign in the second Maryland Regiment; we approve & appoint him. General Gist has recommended Thomas Boyd Son of Abraham for an Ensigncy in the second Maryland Regiment, we approve and appoint him and request his Commission to issue. General Smallwood mentions that Edmond Compton has acted for some Time by Brevet as Ensign in the first Maryland Regiment, we approve and appoint him an Ensign in that Regiment and request he may be commissioned. We are apprehensive the only Way to settle the Rank in these new Appointments will be to leave it to the Officers of the Division or with the General commanding it and we wish it to be so if it can be done with Propriety.

Liber C B No. 23 p. 70 October 28

Thursday 28th October 1779

Present as on Yesterday—

Commission issued to Joshua Seney elected Sheriff of Queen Anns County

Francis Osborn who was of Simms's Company of the old Maryld Regimt was brought before the Board and on Examination appearing to be in no sort fit for the Service nor likely to be so. It is ordered that he be not interrupted but permitted to go at Large at his own Will and Pleasure—

p. 71 Mr Thomas Wright of Queen Ann's County having resigned his Commission as Register of Wills of said County per Letter dated 26th Octr 1779 This Board have appointed Samuel Turbutt Wright of same County to succed him and Commission issued to him accordingly—

Sir, By Virtue of the Resolution of Congress of the 9th Day of this Instant and this order pay to Mr John Smith forty thousand Pounds to be delivered over to Colo Richard Dallam and by him to be expended in the Purchase of Flour and Wheat for the Continental Army—To Thomas Harwood Esqr Contl Treasurer in the State of Maryland—

Summons issued for Thomas Duckett, James Mullikin, Thomas Boyd, Hugh Lyon & James Beck of Prince Georges County to Testy on the Hearing of the Petition of Fielder Bowie complaining of an undue & irregular Election for Sheriffs of said County—

[Council to Richard Dallam Esqr.]

Liber C C No. 22 p. 35

Sir. We yesterday received your Letters of the 26th and send you by Mr John Smith the Bearer of them £40000. which is within £20 of the whole in the Continental Treasury and ours is not at present able to assist it. We see the destructive Tendency of making Contracts to be setled by the Rise of the Market and, pressing as the Occasion is for Flour, will risk every Thing rather than concur in such ruinous Measures and therefore request you'll make no further Engagements on which the Price is to depend at all on any future Contingency. The Assembly may probably take up this Matter next Week and, if it is suffered to go on without any Restraint on Avarice, we had rather the Evil should be continued as well as begun by any Body, other than those of our Appointment; nor are we anxious for your extending your Purchase of Wheat (as you have enough to keep the Mills going for a while) at the exorbitant Price, 'til we see whether any Thing is done by the Assembly. Mr Giles wrote for a Licence and it would have been sent him, if he had enclosed his Appointment, but for Want of it, the License could not issue. The Wheat you have you'll have ground and forward to the Army with all Expedition

Friday 29 October 1779

October 29 Liber C B No. 23 p. 71

Present as on Yesterday

James Martin, William Horsey, Levin Handy & Nathaniel Potter, Licenced separately appointed by Conrad Theo. Wederstrandt Assistant Commissary of Purchases under a Commission from Ephraim Blaine, as Deputies under said C. T. Wederstrandt.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Colo Normand Bruce three hundred Pounds to be delivered over to Capt Richard Haff for the use of the Militia Guard over the Magazine near Frederick Town and to be accounted for

That the said Treasurer pay to John Woolf Six Pounds to be delivered over to Alexander Ogg, the Bounty allowed by the General Assembly for inlisting one Recruit

That the said Treasurer pay to Daniel Carroll Esquire five hundred and forty Pounds on Account.

[The Marechausee Corps was a company of cavalry belonging to the troops of Charles Armand, Marquis de la Rouarie, whose duties chiefly appertained to the police of the army. See Lossing's Pictorial Field-book of the Revolution, p. 260]

William Pendergast who was Commissary of the 1st Maryland Brigade is appointed Ensign in the 5th Maryland Regimt & Jacob Mitinger who was a Lieut of Horse in the Marechausee Corps is appointed Ensign in the 3d Maryland Regiment and it is requested that Commissions may issue to them accordingly from the Board of War—

The Petition of Thomas Hopkins of Talbot County complaining of an undue and unfair Election of Sheriffs for said County having this Day been presented to the Governor & Council

Liber C B
No. 23

It is ordered that a Copy of said Petition and the List therein referred to & Lodged therewith and of this order be served on John Needles in the said Petition mentioned on or before Tuesday the 2d Day of November next and that Saturday the 13th Day of November next be appointed for a hearing on the said Petition and that such Summons's as shall be applied for by either Party issue for Witnesses—

Liber C C
No. 22
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[Council to Conrad Theodore Wederstrandt Esqr]

Sir. We enclose you the Licences desired—The Accounts we have of the Purchase from every Part agree pretty much with the State of it in yours. As you have wrote to Col. Blaine on the Subject of Col. Hemsley's Flour, we hope he'll give you precise Orders with Respect to it; for our Parts we cannot bring ourselves to advise Contracts for Prices to depend on Contingencies; the Power of the Assembly only is adequate to the Occasion, and much depends on their exerting it—

Liber C B
No. 23
p. 71
October 30

Saturday 30th October 1779

Present as on Yesterday—

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Robert Reith Thirty six Pounds, nine shillings and two pence for 2½ Months Salary as Messenger to the Governor & Council to the 7th Novemr next being the end of his year and also the further Sum of Fifteen Pounds in Advance according to a Resolution of the General Assembly—

That the said Treasurer pay to Alexander Contee Hanson Esqr
p. 72 one hundred and fifty six Pounds five shillings for 2 Mo Salary as Judge of the General Court to the 23d Octr and also the further Sum of nine hundred and six Pounds, five shillings in advance agreeable to a Resole of the last General Assembly—

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Nicholas Thomas Esquire one thousand six hundred and Eighty Pounds ꝑ Advance agreeable to a Reso. of the last Genl Assy

That the said Treasurer pay to James Brice Esquire fifty four Pounds due him for his Attendance in Council to this Day—

Commission of Letter of Marque and Reprisal issued to John Nichols Commr of the Schooner Betsey 90 Tons burthen, navigated with 11 Men, mounting 6 Carriage and 6 Swivel Guns, belonging to Henry Nichols, Charles Cruckshanks Christo and Robert Johnston of the State of Maryland—dated 25 Sepr last—

Monday 1st November 1779 Liber C B No. 23 November 1

Present as on Saturday—

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt Willis Newton Sixty two Pounds and nine pence half penny due him per Acct passed by the Depy Audr

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt Beriah Maybury One hundred Pounds, fourteen shillings and nine pence per Account passed by the Depy Aud. and also the further Sum of one hundred Pounds on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Fowler one hundred and forty two Pounds, seventeen shillings and six Pence for the use of Flora Fowler and also the further Sum of one hundred and five Pounds for the use of Frances Campbell per Accounts passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to James Horner Thirteen Pounds ten shillings for the use of Grafton Preston who was lately a Soldier in the 4th Maryland Regimt for 9 Mo and was regularly discharged allowed him in leiw of Cloathing by an Act of Assembly to procure Troops for the American Army—

Tuesday 2d November 1779 November 2

Present as on Yesterday Tho Sim Lee Esqr Attended.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Edward Lloyd Esquire one hundred and sixteen Pounds, seven shillings and six Pence per Account passed by the Aud Gl and also the further Sum of one hundred and Eighty three Pounds on Account.

Commission issued to Zacha Forrest elected Sheriff for Saint Mary's County

On hearing the Petition of Thomas Dorsey complaining against the election of Sheriffs for Harford County and the Proof and Allegations offered by him and James Horner the Person who is returned as having the greatest number of Votes and examining the Witnesses produced by them and deliberately considering the same none of the Petitioners who subscribed the Petition signed by Edmund Talbot & others Inhabitants of Harford County having Attended It is by this Board unanimously adjudged that the said Election for Sheriffs of Harford County begun and held on Monday the fourth day of October last was not made fairly & freely and agreeable to the Constitution of this State and therefore that a new Writ of Election for Sheriffs for the said County issue agreeable to p. 73
the Directions of the Form of Government and the Act of Assembly in such Case made & Provided—

On hearing the Petition of Fielder Bowie alledging that the last Election for Sheriffs for Prince George's County was not fairly

Liber C B No. 23 conducted, and praying that the same might be set aside and hearing the said Fielder Bowie and also Thomas Williams returned as having the greatest number of Votes at the said Election and Examining such Witnesses as were produced by the Parties and duly considering the same and the Allegations of the Parties, It is adjudged by this Board that the said Election was fairly and freely made and is a valid Election.

Liber C C No. 22 p. 36 [Council to The Hon'ble. Nicholas Thomas Esqr.]

Sir. We understood there are several Arms in your Neighbourhood which belong to the Public and were left there by Men who were in the Marine Service of the State; we shall be obliged to you to take any such Arms into your Possession and send them over to the State Armourer, by some convenient Opportunity. T. J.

November 3 Liber C B No. 23 p. 73 Wednesday 3d November 1779

Present as on Yesterday—except Edward Lloyd Esqr

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Henry Hooper Esqr. Twenty seven Pounds seventeen shillings and Six Pence ꝑ Acct. passed by the D. Aud.

In consequence of the Determination on the Petition against the Election for Sheriffs for Harford County a Writ of Election hath this Day issued to the Justices of said County for reholding the same Election—

November 4 Thursday 4th November 1779

Present as on Yesterday—

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John Fowler Fifty two Pounds, ten shillings for the use of Mrs Tuttle per Account passed by the D. Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Cornelius Mills one hundred & fifty Pounds on Acct

Commission of a Letter of Marque and Reprisal issued to Joseph Faribault Commander of the Brig the Lady De Miralles 80 Tons burthen, navigated by 34 Men mounting 10 Carriage Guns, 8 Swivels and 19 Small Arms, belonging to John Dorsey and Company of Baltimore, dated 25th Septr 1779.

November 5 Friday 5 November 1779—

Present as on Yesterday.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John Randall Twenty three thousand four hundred and fifty one Pounds, five

shillings to be by him expended in the Purchase of Cloathing for the Maryland Troops in the Continental Army Liber C B No. 23

That the said Treasurer pay to John Hanson Esqr Two thousand Dollars for the use of Col^{o} Thomas Price of the 2^{d} Maryland Regiment the Allowance made by the late Act of Assembly

That the said Treasurer pay to John Muir nine hundred and fifty six Pounds, five shillings on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to James Roper one hundred and thirty eight Pounds due him per Account passed by the Dep^{y} Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Hyde ninty three Pounds fifteen shillings due him for 3 Months Salary.

That the said Treasurer pay to James West Two thousand and ten Pounds due him per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

Commissions issued to William Hall elected Sheriff of Kent County and also to Henry Downes elected Sheriff of Caroline County— p. 74

Mem^{o} a Deduction of £400 to be made from the Sum due from Mr James Williams for the purchase of the Gallies for Cordage short of Invent^{y}

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Henry Downes four Pounds, nine shillings and two pence for the use of Solomon Askin ꝑ Account passed by the Dep^{y} Aud.

Saturday 6 November 1779 November 6

Present as on Yesterday—

Ordered that the Treasurer of the Eastern shore deliver over into the Hands of the Treasurer of the western shore all the Money in his Hands as Treasurer belonging to this State over and above the Sum of five thousand Pounds and that the Treasurer of the western shore pass Duplicate Receipts therefor one of which to be lodged with the Aud General that proper Entries may be made

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Thomas Sim Lee Esquire one hundred and fifty six Pounds due him for his Attendance in Council to this Day Inclusive—

That the said Treasurer pay to John Randall, ninteen thousand five hundred and forty Pounds, sixteen shillings and six Pence on Acc^{t} and to be applied in Payment for Cloathing purchased by him for the use of the Maryland Troops in the Continental Service—

That the said Treasurer pay to Jonathan Parker Sixty Pounds on Account.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to William Bruff Esquire the amount of Twenty nine Pounds, ten shillings in Cloathing for the use of William Smyth who was a 9 Months Soldier in the 5th

Liber C B No. 23 Maryland Regiment and now regularly Discharged due him per Act of Assembly to procure Troops for the American Army—

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to Serjeant John Plant of the 1st Regimt as much Cloth as will make a Waistcoat & Breeches

Sir, Please to pay to Mr John Randall or his Order, three thousand four hundred and thirty five Pounds due to this State for the Cannon &c & 120 lbs of Shott furnished Capt Michels the Shott at £5 ꝑlb.

To Mr William Smith Baltimore

Thomas Gantt the 4th of Prince Georges County in the State of Maryland is appointed an Ensign in the sixth Maryland Regimt of Continental Troops and it is requested that a Commission may issue to him accordingly from the Board of War—

Commission issued to Samuel Hanson son of John appointed Surveyor of Frederick County—

p. 75 William Armitage enlisted by Serjeant Richard Welsh for the Matross Service in this State having appeared before the Governor and Council is adjudged by them unfit for Service and therefore is hereby Discharged on his refunding all Expences accruing on his Inlistmt

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Sir. We inclose you an Order for the Removal of all the Public Money in your Hands beyond £5000 into the Western Shore Treasury; the Demand for it here is pressing and we request it may be done as soon as may be We are &ca

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Monday 8 November 1779

Present as on Saturday—

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John Clarke Sixty eight Pounds twelve shillings and Six Pence due him ꝑ Account passed by the Depy Aud.

Upton Sheredine Esqr from the Senate inform his Excellency that a sufficient number of Members are met to Proceed to Business—

Mr Hall and Mr John Hanson from the House of Delegates also inform his Excellency the House of Delegates are ready to Proceed to Business—

On the second Monday of November being the 8th Day of the same Month, The Senate and House of Delegates, agreeable to the Form of Government and Laws of the State, Proceeded to the choice of a Governor, when the Honorable Thomas Sim Lee Esquire was elected in the room [of] Thomas Johnson Esquire, whose Time expired by the Constitution and Form of Government.

On Tuesday following being the 9th of November The General Assembly Proceeded to the choice of the Council to the Governor and The Hoñable John H. Stone, Jeremiah Townly Chase, James Brice, Daniel Carroll and John Brice Esquires were elected— Liber C B No. 23 November 9

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James Brice, Daniel Carroll and John Brice Esqrs elected Members of the Council to the Governor appeared and Qualified, as such, by taking the several Oaths required &c as per Certificates produced and filed.

Permission granted in Pursuance of the Recommendation of Congress of the 2d of October, to the Sloop James, commanded by Shadrack Ames, to Lade and transport to Virginia, for the use of that State; a Cargo of Flour a Manifest of such Cargo, being Lodged in the Naval Office at Baltimore, and the Vessel, there cleared out, and a Bond being given to this State in the Penalty of One thousand Pounds with good and sufficient Security Conditioned that if the said Cargo shall be delivered to the proper Officer appointed to receive the same in Virginia, the Danger of the Voyage excepted and that a Certificate of such Delivery from the Board of War of the said State of Virginia, shall be produced to the Governor and Council of this State within two Months from the Time of the said Vessel clearing out, then the Obligation to be void &ca

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Colo John Stull Six Pounds, two shillings and six Pence to be delivered over to Abraham Lyder, Eighty nine Pounds, eight shillings and nine Pence to be delivered over to Abraham Lyder for the use of himself & Compy and One hundred and three Pounds thirteen shillings and four Pence to be delivered over to George Cellar for the use of himself and Compy due them per Accounts passed by the Aud. Genl

[Council to Charles G. Griffith Esqr. Lieut. of Montgomery County] Liber C C No. 22 p. 39

Sir. We think it proper that you should still hold the Company of Militia lately ordered out, in Readiness, subject to the Call of Colo Rawlings, who is appointed to command the Guard over the Prisoners at Fort Frederick. We received the other Day, Intelligence from the Board of War, that they had not then been able to procure a Guard for the Prisoners but expected to do it in a few Days, so that, by this Time, we expect they are on their Way.

We cannot make out the Commissions you request, 'til we know how the Vacancies arise, you will please to be particular with Respect to them, whether they arise by Death, Resignation, Removal or Substitutes

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Thursday 11 November 1779

Present as on Yesterday.—

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt John Merekin the amount of Twenty nine Pounds, ten shillings in Cloathing to be delivered over to Thomas Humphries late a 9 months Soldier in the 7 Maryland Regiment, now discharged due him by Act of Assembly to procure Troops for the American Army.

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Friday 12th November 1779

Present as on Yesterday.—

Pass was granted to Major Samuel Caldwell to attend Mrs Grizzle Taggert to New York in consequence of a Resolve of the House of Delegates 11th Inst.

His Excellency qualified in Presence of Both Houses of the Assembly by taking the several Oaths required and making a Declaration of his belief in the Christian Religion—

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Matthew Driver for the use of the following 9 Months Soldiers the amount of the annexed Sums in Cloathing—

Sampson Dixon of the 7th Regiment, Twenty seven Pounds, Thomas Conner of 7th Regimt Twenty seven Pounds, Foster Boon
p. 78 of 2d Regt Eleven Pounds, thirteen shillings and six Pence, David Swift of the 5th Regt Twenty nine Pounds ten shillings, Alexander Leith of the 7 Regt Twenty Eight Pounds, Thomas Bevan of the 7th Regt Twenty seven Pounds ten shillings. Thomas Heins of the 7 Regt Twenty nine Pounds ten shillings Charles Walker of the 7 Regt Twenty six Pounds, Dennis Callahan of the 5th Regt Twenty nine Pounds ten shillings, John Gibson of the 5th Regt Twenty nine Pounds ten shillings and William Edgel of the 5 Regimt Twenty eight Pounds, ten shillings due them by An Act of Assembly to procure Troops for the American Army.—

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[Council to The Officer Commanding at Elizabeth Town]

Sir. Agreeable to the enclosed Resolve, we request you to grant Licence to Mrs Grizzle Tagart with her three Children to go into the City of New York and to Major Samuel Caldwell to attend them and to return.

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Saturday 13th November 1779

Present as on Yesterday.—

Ordered That Mr John Randall State or Sub Cloathier be directed to purchase on the best Terms proper Cloth sufficient to make up

the Number of two thousand pair of Socks for the use of the Soldiers of the Quota of the State in the Continental Army— Liber C B No. 23

That the western shore Treasurer pay to the above John Randall one thousand Pounds to be expended in the Purchase for the use of the Army and Accounted for.—

That the said Treasurer pay to Jonathan Parker One hundred and seventeen Pounds due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Col° William Hemsley two thousand seven hundred and ninety Eight Pounds, ninteen shillings and three Pence to be accounted for.—

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Matthew Driver Esq[r] the amount of Twenty nine Pounds, ten shillings in Cloathing to be delivered over to Joseph Everitt who was a 9 M° Soldier in the 2[d] Maryland Regiment and now regularly discharged due him by An Act of Assembly to procure Troops for the American Army.

Commissions issued to John Addison appointed Col° John Hawkins Lowe L[t] Col° John Magruder Burgess Maj[r]—Charles Clagett Capt in the room of John M. Burgess, Philip Sprigg 1 Lieut, James Drane Jun[r] 2[d] Lieut, Elisha Berry Ens.—Thomas Willcoxen son of Jacob Ens. of Capt Mich[l] Lowes Com[y]—Benj[a] White 2[d] Lieut & William Wells Ens. of Capt Joseph White Clagetts Comp[y] and Samuel Hanson Ens. of Capt Clement Wheeler's Comp[y] belonging to Middle Battalion of Militia Prince Georges County—

On hearing the Petition of Thomas Hopkins of Talbot County, Complaining that the Election of Sheriffs for that County was not made agreeable to the Constitution and Laws of this State and praying that the said Election might be set aside &c. and on examining, and hearing the Witnesses produced by the said Petitioner, and on hearing the Allegations of both Parties—This Board to adjud[g]e the said Election of Sheriffs for Talbot County, valid, and effectual, Notwithstanding any Matter or Thing Alledged and Proved on the said hearing.—

Commission issued to John Needles elected Sheriff of Talbot County—

Monday 15 November 1779 November 15

Present as on Saturday—

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to William Hemsley Esq[r] seven hundred & twenty seven Pounds, three shillings & one Penny Bal[a] of Acc[t] passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to John Green Fifty four Pounds, eleven shillings, and three Pence ꝑ Acco[t] passed by the Dep[y] Aud[r]

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt John Smoot seventy four Pounds to be delivered over to John Hicks p. 79

Liber C B No. 23 Traverse and sixteen Pounds, seventeen shillings and six Pence to be delivered over to Thomas Kirwan per Accounts passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to John Muir nine thousand eight hundred and twenty four Pounds seven shillings and six Pence to be delivered over to John Randall to pay for Cloth purchased by him for the use of the Army on Account.

Thomas Johnson Jun[r] appointed Clerk to the Governor and Council and Qualified by taking the several Oaths required by Law and Certificate filed.

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Tuesday 16th November 1779

Present as on Yesterday.—

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to William Tuck Seventy five Pounds for the use of M[rs] Sands ꝑ Account passed by the Dep[y] Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt Stephen Shelmerdine six thousand Pounds to be delivered over to Capt George Keeports to be expended in the Purchase of Linen for the use of the Maryland Troops in the Continental Army to be accounted for.—

That the said Treasurer pay to the said Stephen Shelmerdine three hundred and fourteen Pounds to be expended in the recruiting Service and charged to the 4th Regiment on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Thomas Cromwell Two thousand Dollars for the use of John Ross Surgeons Mate to the 4th Regim[t] in leiw of the Articles for the present year.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Thomas Cromwell of the 4th Reg[t] Three hundred and Twenty nine Pounds to be expended in the Recruiting Service and Accounted for.

John Hoskins Stone and Jeremiah Townly Chase Esquires elected Members of the Council by the General Assembly, attended and Qualified by making a Declaration of their Belief in the Christian Religion, taking, repeating, and Subscribing the several Oaths required by the Constitution and Laws of this State as ꝑ Cert[s] produced and filed.—

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut Thomas Cromwell of the 4th Regim[t] 25 pair of Shoes for the said Regim[t]—

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to Samuel Shipley lately a nine Months Soldier in the 6th Regim[t] Discharged the amount of Twenty four Pounds, three shillings and four Pence in Cloathing due him by the Act to procure Troops for the American Army.—

Permission is hereby granted to Lade on board the Schooner Kitty of the burthen of Twenty Tons or thereabouts belonging to Joseph Dowson a Cargoe of Flour, Potatoes Turnips and other Vegatables and the same, to clear out, and transport in her to, and for the use of the Fleet and Army of his most Christian Majesty, the Captain of the said Schooner previous to his Lading on Board any of the said Articles giving Bond payable to this State in the Penalty of Ten thousand Pounds, Conditioned that if the said Cargoe shall be delivered on board the Fleet of his most Christian Majesty, the Danger of the Seas and Enemies only excepted, and shall within four Months from the Date of such Bond produce to the Governor and Council of this State, a Certificate under the Hand of a Captain a Commanding Officer of some one of the Ships of War of the said Fleet or some Officer of the said Fleet of Higher Rank of such Delivery then such Bond to be void else of full Force—and the Captain of the said Schooner also making Oath before the Naval Officer who shall clear out the said Vessel at or before the Time of her clearing out that he will use his utmost Endeavours to prevent the said Cargoe or any Part thereof falling into the Hands of the Enemy, and will deliver the same if in his Power, to or on board some of the said Fleet. Liber C B No 23 p. 80

[Council to Mr. John Randall] Liber C C No. 22 p. 39

Sir. We are much surprized to hear Mr Faw has purchased Linen altogether improper for the Use of our Troops: Directions will be given to Mr Faw, by this Opportunity, to make no more Shirts of that Kind of Linen, but to send what he has, immediately, to the Care of Capt Keeports. We wish you to purchase the Cloth and Blankets of Messrs Smith and Jefferies without Loss of Time; the surplus Cloth, after making up the Deficiency for Overalls and Socks, you are to leave with Capt Keeports, with an Invoice of the Quantity and Quality.

[Council to Capt Geo. P. Keeports]

Sir. Capt Shelmerdine will deliver over to you six thousand Pounds, to enable you to continue your Purchase of Linen, which we wish you particularly to attend to, as there is Reason to believe there will not be the Supplies from other Purchasers, we had Reason to expect. When you make up your Accounts, we hope you will make it convenient to ride down, and we will endeavour to supply Cloaths for the Soldiers from the State Store. Mr Crisall has Orders to forward Beef by the first Opportunity, as it is probable that Article may be laid in here on better Terms than at Baltimore, and until you receive it, you must continue to subsist the Troops on fresh Provisions. Mr Randall is directed to leave a Parcel of Cloth

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in your Care and you may also expect a Parcel of Linen from Mr Faw, which are to remain with you til further Directions are given

[Council to Mr. Abraham Faw]

p. 40 [Osnabrig was a kind of coarse linen originally made in Osnabrück, Germany]

Sir. Being informed by Mr Randall that the Oznabrigs Shirts sent from Frederick will not answer for the Soldiers, it will not be proper to buy the 800 Ells you mention in yours of the 9th Inst. Please to desist from having any more Shirts made up of the Oznabs of the same Quality already sent and forward the Linen and Shirts made up, to Capt Keeports at Baltimore, to remain under his Care until he receives our Directions

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Wednesday 17th November 1779—

Present as on Yesterday.—

Ordered—That the western shore Treasurer pay to John Lambert Wilmer Esqr Sixteen Pounds ten shillings for the use of Benjamin Palmer due him per Account passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Green one hundred and Ninty four Pounds, sixteen shillings and Eight pence due him per Account passed by the Depy Aud.—

That the said Treasurer pay to Cornelius Mills Two hundred and ten Pounds to be expended in the Purchase of Wood for the General Assembly & to be accounted for.—

That the said Treasurer pay to John Fowler Fifty Pounds to be delivered over to Mrs Fowler due her ꝑ Account passed by the Depy Aud.

That Serjeant Welsh take into his Possession the Military Stores, belonging to this State which were in the care of Captain Campbell, and that he make application to Capt Campbell for the Key of the Larboratory, and any others, which may be necessary for that Purpose.—

Commissions issued to John Scott, William Bordley, Robert Maxwell, James Claypoole, William Henry, Jonathan Worth, Morgan Hunt, Samuel Davis, Thomas Smyth Junr William Granger Jesse Cosden, William Maxwell and Richard Miller appointed Justices of the Peace and John Scott, William Bordley, James Claypoole William Henry & Thomas Smyth Junr appointed Justices of the Orphans Court for Kent County—

Upton Sheredine, William Beatty, Jacob Young, James Johnson, William M. Beall, William Luckett Junr John Lawrence, Joseph Wood Junr John McAlister, John Ross Key, William Winchester Junr Philip Thomas, John Kleinhoof, Fielder Gaunt, George Scott and William Magruder appd Justices of the Peace and Upton Sheredine, William Beatty, Philip Thomas, William M Beall and John

Lawrence appointed Judges of the Orphans Court for Frederick County.— Liber C B No. 23

Joshua Beall, Christ^{r} Lowndes, William L. Weems, David Craufurd, John Harrison, Richd Henderson, Thomas Gantt Junr Luke Marbury, Thomas Clagett, Trueman Skinner, Alexander Howard Magruder, Osborn Sprigg, Fielder Bowie, George Lee, Thomas Magill, Thomas Boyed William Lyles, William Berry, James Mullikin, James Beck, Henry Rozier, Frank Leeke, Samuel Hepburn, Abraham Boyd and John Smith Brookes appointed Justices of the Peace Joshua Beall, Christ^{r} Lowndes, David Craufurd Thomas Clegett, Richard Henderson, Alexander Howard Magruder and Frank Leeke appointed Judges of the Orphans Court for Prince Georges County.

The Petition of Jesse Bennett complaining that the Election of Sheriffs, for Worcester County, was not held agreeable to the Constitution, and Form of Government; having this Day been presented to the Governor and Council: It is ordered that a Copy of said Petition, and of this Order be served on John Selby son of John in the said Petition mentioned; on, or before the tenth Day of December next, and that a Hearing be had on the said Petition, by the Governor & Council, at Annapolis, on Thursday the 30th Day of December next, and that such Summons's as shall be applied for by either Party issue for Witnesses— p. 81

Commissions issued to James Clandenin appointed Capt in the room of Samuel Ashmead Grafton Preston 1 Lieut, James Preston 2^{d} Lieut, James Creton Ens—John Maccamson 1 L^{t} of Gabriel Vanhorns Comp^{y} Aaron Vanhorn 2^{d} Lieut, William Maccamson Ens. William Amos Capt in the room of George Vaughan, Griffith Evans 1 Lt James McComas 2^{d} Lieut—John Farmer Capt in the room of William Morgan, Ralph Smith 1 L^{t}, Samuel Kinley 2^{d} Lieut, James Rancher Ens. Samuel Bailiss Capt in the room of John Patrick, Richard Ward 1 Lt Robert Caswell 2^{d} Lieut, Andrew Ramsay Ens. Joseph Gibbons 1 Lt William Jones 2^{d} L^{t} and Benjamin Rigdon Ens of Capt William Rigdons Comp^{y} belonging to the Deer Creek Batt^{n} Harford County and also to Cyrus Osborne Capt in the room of John Wood—John Ruff Capt in the room of Jacob Forwood—Hugh Smith Capt in the room of George Patterson—Obediah Pritchard 1 Lt Michael Gilbert 2^{d} Lieut and Edward Day McComas Captain in the room of William Bradford belonging to the 23^{d} Battalion of Militia in Harford County.

Thursday 18 November 1779 November 18

Present as on Yesterday except Daniel Carroll Esquire.—

Commission of Letter of Marque & Reprisal issued Thomas Conway Commander of the Brig Alexander 80 Tons burthen, navigated

Liber C B No. 23 by 40 Men, mounting 12 Carriage Guns & 20 small Arms belonging to John M^c^Lure & Comp^y^ dated 25 September.

Mr Nathaniel Smith of Harford County in the State of Maryland, is appointed an Ensign in the fourth Maryland Regiment of Continental Troops, and it is requested, that a Commission may Issue to him accordingly from the Board of War.

Commissions issued to John Thomas appointed Lieut Col^o^, John Hanson Briscoe Major—Samuel Maddux 1 Lieut, Meveral Locke 2^d^ Lieut and Raphael Neal Ens of Capt Charles Jordans Comp^y^—John Shanks Capt in the room of Gerard Bond, John Blackiston 1 Lt William Bayard 2 Lieut, Samuel Tennison Ens.—Francis Millard Capt in room of John Thomas William Thomas 1 Lieut, Clement Power 2^d^ Lieut, James Thomas Ens.—John Hooper Broome Capt in the room of Thomas Attaway Reeder, John Cartwright 1 Lieut, Zachariah Hammett 2^d^ Lt Basil Hall Ens.—Robert Briscoe Ens. to John Mills's Comp^y^—Richard James Rapier Capt. in the room of James Roach, William Rapier 1 Lieut, Joseph Woodward 2^d^ Lt John Greaves Ens—Edward Mattingly Capt in the room of William Bond, Jonathan Edwards 1 Lieut, William Cartwright 2^d^ Lieut, James Boroughs Ensign belonging to the Upper Battalion of Militia in Saint Marys County.

Commission issued to Jeremiah Jordan, Henry Reeder, Vernon Hebb, Ignatius Taylor Bennett Biscoe, Hanson Briscoe, John Shanks, John Ireland, Ignatius Fenwick, Robert Watts Robert Armstrong, John H. Reade, Thomas Bond, William Killgore, John Mackall and John De Butts appointed Justices of the Peace for Saint Mary's County and also to Henry Reeder, John H. Reade, Thomas Bond, William Killgore and John De Butts appointed Judges of the Orphans Court for Saint Mary's County—

p. 82 Commission issued to Nich^s^ Worthington, Richard Harwood Junr Henry Ridgely, Elijah Roboson, Samuel Harrison Allen Quynn, Reubin Merewether, Samuel Harrison of Richard, Nicholas Dorsey j^r^ Andrew Ellicott, Samuel Chase, Richard Dorsey of John, Henry Hall of Henry, Joseph Merrikin Samuel Godman, Richard Harrison of Rich^d^, and Thomas Tongue appointed Justices of the Peace for Ann Arundel County.—also to Nicholas Worthington, Richard Harwood jun^r^ Elijah Robosson, Allen Quynn, Samuel Chase Henry Hall of Henry and Joseph Merrikin apointed Judges of the Orphans Court for Ann Arundel County and also to

John Dennis, John Selby Nehemiah Holland, Ebenezer Handy, Thomas Purnell Sinepuxent, William Hopewell James Selby, Joshua Townsend, John Purnell Robins, John Postley, Josiah Mitchell, John Paramore John Pope Mitchell, Isaac Layfield, William Stevenson, Peter Chaille, James Martin and Elijah Laws appointed Justices of the Peace for Worcester County, and to John Dennis, John

Selby, Nehemiah Holland, John Purnell Robin, and Peter Chaille appointed Judges of the Orphans Court for Worcester County— Liber C B No. 23

William Winder, Peter Waters, John Stewart, Levin Wilson, Gilliss Polk, John Williams, Joseph Venables, John Span Conway, Henry Jackson, Levin Woolford, Josiah Dashiell, Henry Miles, George Waters and William Stevens, Justices of the Peace for Somerset County and also to Peter Waters, John Stewart, Levin Wilson, John Span Conway and Levin Woolford appointed Judges of the Orphans Court for Somerset County—

Friday 19 November 1779.— November 19

Present as on Yesterday.—

Commission issued to Andrew Buchanan, John Moale, Benjamin Rogers Thomas Sollars, John Beale Howard, James Calhoun, Hercules Courtney, George Goldsmith Presbury Isaac Vanbibber, Peter Shepherd, John Craddock, John Merryman Iun^{r} Jeremiah Johnson, Charles Ridgely of William, George Lindenberger, Christ^{o} Vaughan, Frederick Decker, Jesse Bussey, Robert Lemmon, Richard Cromwell, Abraham Vanbibber, George Lux, William Aisquith, Samuel Stringer Coale, and John Elder appointed Justices of the Peace for Baltimore County—and also to Andrew Buchanan, Benjamin Rogers, Thomas Sollars, James Calhoun, Hercules Courtney Isaac Vanbibber and George Lindenberger Iudges of the Orphans Court for Baltimore County.—

John Browne, James Kent, James Bordley, William Bruff, James O Bryan John Register Emory, Samuel Ridgeway, John Fisher, Charles Downes, Thomas Carradine Vinson Benton, Philemon Downes, Aquila Brown and Charles Price appointed—Justices of the Peace for Queen Anns County and also to John Browne, James Bordley, William Bruff, James O Bryan and Charles Downes—Judges of the Orphans Court for Queen Anns County.

Walter Hanson, Daniel Jenifer, George Dent, John Dent, Robert Young, Warren Dent, Richard Barnes, William Harrison John Parnham, Walter Hanson Jenifer, Joshua Sanders, Walter Winters of John, Samuel Hanson Junr Jonathan Yeates, Haskins Hanson John Morton, Bennett Dyson, & John Digges, Justices of the Peace for Charles County and also to Walter Hanson, George Dent, John Dent, Robert Young and Warren Dent, Judges of the Orphans Court, for Charles County

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John Archer, William Bond, Abraham Whitacre, Ignatius Wheeler, James McComas, Samuel Groome Osburn, John Rumsey Mordecai Amos, John Patrick, James Giles, James Philips and John Hall son of Cranb^{y} app^{d} Justices of the Peace for Harford County also to

Liber C B No. 23 Aquila Paca, John Love, John Rumsey, John Archer and Thomas Johnson, Judges of the Orphans Court for Harford County—

Charles Jones, Edward Burgess, Eneas Campbell, William Deakins, Joseph Wilson, Samuel W. Magruder, James Offutt, Gerard Briscoe, Richard Thompson, Walter Beall, Henry Gaither George Cullam, and John Harwood Justices of the Peace for Montgomery County and also to Charles Jones, Edward Burgess, Eneas Campbell, William Deakins and Joseph Wilson Judges of the Orphans Court for Montgomery County—

Sir, By Virtue of the Resolution of Congress of the 9th Day of Octr 1779, and this Order pay to Colo Richard Dallam, Twenty thousand Dollars to be by him expended in the Purchase of Flour and Wheat for the Continental Army.—Tho. Sim Lee.

To Thomas Harwood Esqr Contl Treasurer in the State of Maryland.

William Wright of Queen Anns County, Licenced Depy Asst Commissary of Purchases under a Commission from Conrod T. Wederstrandt Assistant Commy of Purchases agreeable to Act of Assembly. Jacob Giles junr of Harford County Licenced Assistant Comy of Purchases under a Commn from Ephraim Blaine Depy Commy General agreeable to Act of Assembly and

William Lyles of Prince Georges County Licenced to Purchase Provisions for the Continental Army in said County and to superintend the Post at Piscataway Creek to cure said Provisions, under a Commission from Thomas Richardson Asst Comy of Purchs agreeable to Act of Assy

Commission issued to Richard Mason, Benson Stainton, Nathaniel Potter, Mathew Driver, Thomas Hardcastle, Hugh McBryde, Henry Dickinson, and Charles Daffin appd Justices of the Peace for Caroline County, and also to Richard Mason, Benson Stainton Nathaniel Potter, Matthew Driver and Thomas Hardcastle, Judges of the Orphans Court for Caroline County.—

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[Council to Mr. Jacob Giles Jun'r]

Sir. Enclosed you have your Commission, with a Licence to purchase within this State; agreeably to Act of Assembly. By the Act alluded to, no Authority is vested in this Board to licence, unless the Commission of the Person applying is previously produced; you did not transmit yours when you wrote for a Licence; I believe that was the sole Cause of Governor Johnson's not complying with your Request. Our Treasury is in a very exhausted State at present, which renders it impossible for us to supply you with Cash, if we had been expressly directed, but as matters are circumstanced we are of Opinion, it would be more convenient and proper that you should draw your Supplies from Colo Blaine. Advise us frequently

of the Progress you make in your Purchases and your Prospects. Every Assistance in our Power will be afforded you in the Execution of your Commission. Liber C C No. 22

[Council to The Honble, the President of the Board of War]

Sir. We had not the Honor of receiving your Favor of the 11th of the current Month 'til Yesterday. Before this its probable the Prisoners destined for Washington County have left Philadelphia. We lament the Necessity Col° Rawlings was under of discharging the Militia Guard; we are yet ignorant of the Cause, but conclude from our Knowlege of the Col° that the Measure was a prudential one. Orders heretofore given the Lieutenants of the several Counties in the Vicinity of Fort Frederick, to furnish the necessary Guard, are considered as still subsisting and we doubt not a Proper one will be in Readiness to receive the Prisoners upon their Arrival. The Powder furnished the Continent in Consequence of the Requisition of your Honorable Board was sold under a Resolution of our Assembly directing the Governor and Council to dispose of such Quantity of that Article as might be spared. Frequent, and the most pressing Applications of Individuals had little Weight with this Board when put in Competition with your Requisition, and it was immediately determined the Public Interest should be preferred: thirty thousand Pounds, the utmost Quantity we could spare, were accordingly delivered to your Agent and, as we are informed, was removed to Baltimore, returning it again to our Magazines would be attended with much Expence and Trouble and, all Circumstances considered. we flatter ourselves you will not view our Conduct in not consenting to credit the Continent for the Powder, in an unfavourable Light.

[Council to Capt. John Green] p. 41

Sir. You have herewith an Invoice of 62 Barrels of Flour and 5 of Beef, the Cargo of the Dolphin, which you are to deliver without Loss of Time, to the French Agent or his Deputy; one or the other, we have Reason to believe, is now at Hampton, for the use of his most Christian Majesty's Fleet or that Part of it which may be in Chesapeake Bay. In the Absence of the Agent or his Deputy, you are to deliver your Cargo to the Commander of the Fleet, taking a Receipt therefor.

As the Fleet may have immediate Occasion for these Provisions and their Stay in this Bay limited, We trust, without repeating it, you are sufficiently impressed with the Necessity of Dispatch. We wish you a safe Voyage and are &ca

[Council to Capt. George P. Keeports]

Sir. Being informed by Mr Randall that there are a Number of Blankets, at this Time for Sale in Baltimore and as we shall have

Liber C C No. 22 immediate Calls on us for that necessary Article, we request you to purchase, as soon as may be and on the best Terms you can, any Number not exceeding fifteen hundred and advise us thereof.

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Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Thomas Johnson Junr Thirty Pounds to be expended in Necessaries for the use of the Council and Accounted for.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Tuck Eighteen Pounds for the use of Mrs Elizabeth Tuck ꝑ Account passed by the Dep^{y} Aud.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Dr John Archer, three Pounds, ten shillings in Cloathing for the use of Abraham Gurrell, and three Pounds, ten shillings in Cloathing for the use of Laurence Connaway both Soldiers in the 3^{d} Regim^{t} for 9 months and regularly discharged due them by the Act of Assembly to procure Troops for the American Army.—

Commission issued to James Woolford 3^{d} Elected Sheriff of Dorchester County

Commission issued to William Hindman, William Perry, Jeremiah Banning, William Maynadier, John Troup, Richard Johns, Howes Goldsborough, Thomas Sherwood, Henry Banning, Joseph Bewly, Samuel Thomas, Robert Lloyd Nicolls, William Goldsborough, John Fauntleroy William Dowson, James Thomas, and Christ^{r} Birkhead, Justices of the Peace for Talbot County and also to William Hindman, William Perry, Jere. Banning, Richard Johns & Howes Goldsborough Judges of the Orphans Court for Talbot County and also to

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William Allnut, Samuel Chew, John Bond, Richard Parran, Edward Johnson, William Ireland, Walter Smith, Daniel Rawlings jun^{r} Isaac Clare, James Highe and Samuel Lane Justices of the Peace for Calvert County and also to William Allnut, Samuel Chew, Richard Parran James Highe and Edward Johnson Judges of the Orphans Court for Calvert County—

Justices of the Peace and Judges of the Orphans Court for Cecil, Dorchester and Washington Counties are reappointed and continued under their former Commissions

Coroners Surveyors, and all other Civil Officers of the Appointment of the Governor and the Council are reappointed and Continued under their former Commissions.

Monday 22d November 1779 Liber C B No. 23 November 22

Present as on Saturday.—

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt Charles Baltzel, sixteen thousand Dollars two thousand part thereof to be by him retained, the remaining fourteen thousand to be delivered over to Captains, Christopher Myers, Michael Boyer, Lieutⁿ Martin Shugart Jacob Gromett & David Morgan, Ens. Jacob Raybolt and Alexander Smith Surgeons Mate all of the German Regiment belonging to the State of Maryland each two thousand Dollars in leiw of the Articles allowed by the Act of Assembly intitled "An Act relating to the Officers and Soldiers of this State in the American Army & other Purposes therein mentioned"

That the said Treasurer pay to Robertson Stevens Esqʳ three Pounds, fifteen shillings and ten Pence to be delivered over to Samuel Hooper for the use of himself & Compʸ and the further Sum of Fifteen Pounds, nine shillings and six Pence to be delivered over to Capt Edward Staplefort for the use of himself & Compʸ per Accounts passed by the Aud. Genˡ

That the said Treasurer pay to Charles Scott a Private in the 1 Maryld Regᵗ Twenty Pounds allowed him by Act of Assembly relating to the Officers &ᶜᵃ

That the said Treasurer pay to Commodore Thomas Grason one thousand five hundred and forty Pounds to pay for Plank for the use of the Gallies on Account.

Tuesday 23 November 1779 November 23

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Matthew Driver Esqʳ one hundred and fifty Pounds to be delivered over to Colᵒ William Richardson the Gratuity allowed by a Resolve of the General Assembly to the Officers of this State then in the Contˡ Service

Wednesday 24 November 1779 November 24

Present as on Yesterday.—

Permission granted in Pursuance of the Recommendation of Congress of the 2d of October last to the Sloop Molly Commanded by Peregrine Dunk, to Lade and Transport to Virginia for the use of that State, a Cargoe of Flour, a Manifest of such Cargoe being Lodged in the Naval Office at Baltimore and the vessel there cleared out, and a Bond being given to this State in the Penalty of one thousand Pounds with good and sufficient Security conditioned that if the said Cargoe shall be delivered to the proper Officer, appointed

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to receive the same in Virginia, the Danger of the Voyage excepted and that a Certificate of such Delivery from the Board of War of the said State of Virginia shall be produced to the Governor and Council of this State within two Months from the Time of the said Vessel clearing out then the Obligation to be void &c.

On the application of William Smith Esquire of Baltimore Town, who is to this purpose Commissioned and authorized by Mr Holker who is Agent for the Marine of his Most Christian Majesty Licence is hereby granted to Lade and Export in the Sloop called the General Wayne now lying in the Port of Baltimore, her Cargoe of Flour and other Provisions for the use of the Fleet and Army of his Most Christian Majesty in the West Indies, the said Sloop clearing out at the proper Office and the Captain previously thereto, delivering into such Office a Manifest of her Lading, and together with two other of the Principal Officers of the said Sloop making Oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, that such Manifest contains a true Account of the Lading of the said Sloop and that no other Provisions have been to their knowledge or Belief or shall be with their Privity and Consent, Laden or put on board such Sloop, other than such as are for the Subsistence of her Crew and have been or shall be allowed and permitted by the Naval Officer and that they will use their utmost Endeavors to deliver the whole Cargoe of Provisions aforesaid to the proper person or persons to receive the same for the use of the Fleet and Army of his most Christian Majesty; and the Agent employed in directing the Loading of the said Sloop also making Oath that the Provisions mentioned in the said Manifest are shipped and designed to be transported in the said Sloop for the use of the Navy and Army of his most Christian Majesty and for no other Purpose to the best of his Knowledge and Belief.

Pass granted to Mrs Ann Stevenson Wife of Doct^r^ Henry Stevenson, to repair to Camp to solicit Leave to go into the City of New York and to take her youngest Child and a Negro Boy with her, and to return; agreeable to a Resolve of the House of Delegates of the 23^d^ In^t^

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[Council to The Officer Commanding at Elizabeth Town]

Sir. According to the enclosed Resolve of the House of Delegates, we have granted Permission to Mrs Ann Stevenson to apply to you to solicit Leave to go into the City of New York and to take her youngest Child and a Negro Boy with her: we have to entreat you that this Lady may be indulged with the Liberty of visiting her Husband and returning and shall esteem your Compliance as a Favor.

[Council to Colo. Samuel Smith]

Sir Enclosed you have a Permission to lade the Sloop Molly with Flour for the Use of Virginia. We are concerned it is not in our

Power to remove the Inconveniencies that attend the sending to Annapolis for Permits, be assured we would dispense with it if it could be done consistent with our Duty. Your Engagement requires that you should produce a Certificate from the Board of War of Virginia, of the Delivery of the Cargo for the Use of that State, and we cannot be of Opinion that you have complied with it by producing the enclosed Receipts, and therefore cannot cancel your Bond

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Thursday 25 November 1779

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Present as on Yesterday.—

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Col° Isaac Hammond of the Soldiers Delight Battalion of Militia in Baltimore County Two hundred and twenty two Pounds, ninteen shillings and four Pence due himself and Officers under his Command whilst in Service for Pay role examined and Passed by the Aud^r Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Col° Uriah Forrest Eight hundred and fifty five Pounds for Paper purchased of him for the use of the Public.—

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Charles Scott a Soldier in the first Maryl^d Regim^t with Col^o Forrest, 1 Coat, 1 waistcoat, 1 p^r Overalls and 1 Hat—

Monday 29 November 1779

November 29

Present as on Thursday except John H. Stone Esqr

Commission of Letter of Marque & Reprisal issued to John Harr Commander of the Brigantine Donia Antoney, 120 Tons burthen, navigated by 32 Men, Mounting 10 Carriage Guns and 12 small Arms belonging to George Meade &C° Philadelphia, dated 25 Sept last

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to John Wells three thousand Nine hundred and sixty three Pounds due him for Beef and Tallow purchased of him as per Mr Crisalls Receipt

Tuesday 30 November 1779

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Present as on Yesterday.—

5 Barrels of Beef Quant^y 1219^lbs were sent to Baltimore for the use of the Guard at the Fort.

Commission issued to Joseph Baxter appointed Sheriff of Baltimore County in the room of Edward Cockey who has resigned

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Cornelius Mills Two hundred and twenty seven Pounds per Account passed by the Aud Genl

Liber C B No. 23 The Commission of Benjamin Chambers Dep^{y} Quart. Master Genl of Forage, from Francis Wade Dep^{y} Q^{r} Mast^{r} Genl dated 23^{d} Inst. Novem^{r} being produced to this Board. Licence is hereby given to him the said Benjamin Chambers Dep^{y} Quarter Master Genl of Forage to Act in the Counties of Dorchester, Worcester and Somerset by Virtue and according to the Act of Assembly in such Case made and Provided.—

The Commission of James Hindman Esqr of Talbot County Dep^{y} Ass^{t} Commissary General of Purchases, of this Day and also the Commission of James Sulivane Esqr of Dorchester County Dep^{y} Ass^{t} Commissary Genl of Purchases of the same Date from Conrad Theo. Wederstrandt Ass^{t} Commissary Genl of Purchases, being Produced, Licence is hereby given to them the said James Hindman Esqr and James Sulivane Esqr to Purchase in the Counties aforesaid according to the Act of Assembly in such Case made & Provided

Permission is hereby given the Honorable William Paca Esqr to draw from his Farm and Plantation in Queen Anns County, such supplies of the Produce raised thereon, as may be necessary for the Subsistence of himself and Family during their Residence in Philadelphia agreeably to the Act of Assembly "Entitled an Act to pro-"hibit for a Limitted time, the Exportation of Wheat, Flour, Rye, "Indian Corn, rice, Bread, Beef, Pork, Bacon, Live Stock, Peas, "beans, Oats and other Victual."

December 1 Wednesday 1 December 1779

Present as on Yesterday.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Mrs Mary Barber fifteen Pounds due her per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Francis Dallam Eight thousand Dollars to be delivered over to Col^{o} Richard Dallam to be expended in the Purchase of Wheat & flour for the use of the Continental Army and Accounted for.—

Sir, By Virtue of the Resolution of Congress of the 9th Day of Octr 1779 and this Order pay to Francis Dallam, twelve thousand Dollars to be by him delivered over to Col^{o} Richard Dallam for the Purchase of Flour & Wheat for the Continental Army.—

To Thomas Harwood Esqr Cont^{l} Treasurer in the State of Maryland.

On the Petition of Basil Williams of Cecil County and the Certificates of several reputable Gent. of the said County, setting forth that the said Basil Williams, was some time in 1777 deprived of a Negro Man by the Enemy. It is therefore Ordered that the Coll^{r} of said County do not collect his Assessment or any part thereof—

[Council to The Sheriff of Cecil County]

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Sir Basil Williams hath, by his Petition, set forth to us that he was some Time in the Year 1777 deprived of a Negro Man by the Enemy whereby he hath greatly suffered, and it appearing to us by Deposition of the said Basil Williams and the Certificates of several Gentlemen of Reputation that the said Facts are true and we esteeming it proper that the Collection of the present Assessment of the said Basil Williams should be suspended, do direct you not to collect the same or any Part thereof

[Council to Richard Dallam Esqr.]

Sir Your Situation is certainly distressing; every immediate Assistance in the Power of this Board has been given in sending you twenty thousand Dollars by Mr Francis Dallam and we have to lament that an Agent so truly active and faithful as we have every Reason to believe you have been, should be involved in Difficulty by Exertions for the Public Benefit. This Sum, it is hoped, will suffice for the present, if it is applied to the Payment of those who are most pressing, and shortly, large Payments may be expected from Sheriffs of the several Counties: in the mean Time, we hope your Creditors will be patient. The Continental Treasury in this State has been drained for the Purpose of sending you this Supply and 8000 Dollars over and above were drawn from the Treasury of this State to make up the 20000. We have hitherto in no Instance drawn Orders on the Sheriffs for the supplying Money to Purchasers of Provisions, and would with great Reluctance adopt a Measure of that Kind. Mr Wederstrandt has made frequent and pressing Applications for Cash and complains that the 12000 Dollars from the Continental Treasury should be sent you as he actually deposited them

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Present as on Yesterday.—

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to William Bruff Esqr Two thousand Dollars to be delivered over to Capt John Hawkins of the 5th Maryland Regim^t^ of Continental Troops the Allowance made him by the General Assembly relating to the Officers &^ca^.—

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt George Keeports, five thousand Pounds to be expended in the Purchase of Linen for the use of the Continental Army.

Commissions issued to John Browne, James Kent, James Bordley, William Bruff, James O Bryan John Register Emory, Samuel Ridgeway, John Fisher, Charles Downes, Clement Sewell Vinson

Liber C B No. 23 Benton, Aquila Brown, Thomas Fitzsimmons, Benjamin Sudler and Rezin Rowles appointed Justices of the Peace for Queen Anns County also to John Browne, James Bordley James O Bryan Charles Downes and Clement Sewell Judges of the Orphans Court for Q Ann Co^{ty}

Nicholas Worthington, Richard Harwood jun^{r} Henry Ridgely, Elijah Robosson Samuel Harrison, Allen Quynn, Reubin Merriwether, Samuel Harrison of Richard, Nicholas Dorsey Iun^{r} Andrew Ellicott, Richard Dorsey of Jno Henry Hall of Henry, Joseph Merrikin Samuel Godman, Richard Harrison of Richd Thomas Tongue, Nicholas Maccubbin Junr John Bullen and William Hyde Justices of the Peace for Ann Arundel County—and also to Nicholas Worthington, Richard Harwood jun^{r} Elijah Robosson, Allen Quynn, Nich^{s} Maccubbin Iun^{r} John Bullen and William Hyde Judges of the Orphans Court for Ann Arundel County.—

December 3 Friday 3^{d} December 1779

Present as on Yesterday Danl Carroll Esqr Attended

Commissions issued to Randolph Johnson appointed Capt. in the room of Saml Abbott William Clark 1 Lt Solomon Robinson 2^{d} Lieut Walter Jenkins Ens. Mordecai Skinner 1 Lt Henry Coleston 2^{d} Lieut and Perry Benson Ens of Capt Henry Bannings Comp^{y} belonging to the 38th Battalion of Militia in Talbot County.

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt George Keeports, 12 Coats, 12 Waistcoats and 12 pair Shoes for the use of the Matrosses in Baltimore.—

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to Serj^{t} Richard Welsh, 14 Coats, 14 Waistcoats, 14 p^{r} Stockings 14 p^{r} Shoes and 14 p^{r} Leather Breeches, he paying the Difference between the Leather and Cloth Breeches for the use of the Matrosses at Annapolis due them in January 1780—

Commission of Letter of Marque & Reprisal issued to Solomon Frazier Commander of the Brigantine Talbot 150 Tons burthen, navigated by 25 Men, mounting 10 Carriage Guns, 10 Swivels and 24 small Arms, belonging to James Chamberlaine & others of Talbot County.—

By his Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esqr Governor of Maryland
A Proclamation

With the advice of the Council, I do hereby appoint Thursday the ninth of this Inst. Decemb^{r} to be Observed throughout this State as a Day of Public Thanksgiving and Prayer agreeably to the Recommendation of Congress of the 20th of Octr last. Given &^{ca}
Thos Sim Lee

[Council to James Calhoun Esqr.] Liber C C No. 22

Sir. Your Letters of the 26th and 30th Ult° were laid before the p. 42 General Assembly with a Recommendation from this Board to revive and amend the Law for impressing Vessels &ca and to make the necessary Provision for the quartering and otherwise accommodating the Troops of our Allies. When the necessary Regulations are determined upon by the Assembly you may rely, we shall advise you of them; as yet, nothing has been done. We have not the least Objection to your making Use of the Barracks and wish them better calculated for the Number of Sick and wounded you expect

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Sir. By a Letter just received from Col° Blaine dated the 1st Inst. we are informed you are about to deliver over to Mr Smith, the French Agent, all the Flour you have on Hand. This is a Step we did not expect, nor can we consent to it by any Means, whilst our Army, as we have great Reason to believe, is in Danger of suffering by the Want of Bread Provisions and the French Agent has secured at least the Quantity he was permitted to purchase. You will without Loss of Time, be pleased to deliver your Flour into the Hands of Mr Giles, the present Continental Agent, who has Orders to forward it with the utmost Speed.

[Council to His Excellency The Cheval'r. de la Luzerne, Minister plenipo. to his Most Christian Majesty.]

We were honored with your Excellency's Letter of the 17th ult° The polite Assurance that you received Pleasure when you understood the Commander of his most Christian Majesty's Squadron had made Choice of this Station because you could rely on us for Succour, communicated the highest Satisfaction. Such is our Inclination to render every Assistance in our Power to the Troops of our illustrious Ally, that nothing was necessary to prompt us to an Exertion for their Relief, but a Communication of their Wants and sufferings. Our Duty seconded by our Attachment to Friends who have bravely fought and bled in the Cause of Liberty, lead us to consider their Distresses as our Own, and make our Exertions to provide the Sick and wounded with suitable Lodgings and proper Sustenance, the most pleasing Task. Victualling the Squadron is certainly an important Object and demands our utmost Endeavours to enable Monsr DeGrasse or any other French Commander, to procure full and Speedy Supplies for the Use of the Fleet. The Congratulation of your Excellency, is flattering. Convinced that America is interested in the judicious Appointments of your King, it gives us infinite Pleasure in felicitating you and United America, on your Excellency's Appointment, which alone can console us for the Loss

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of your worthy Predecessor, whose Goodness of Heart impelled him, on every Occasion to exert his extraordinary Abilities in promoting such Measures as tended, not only to render the present happy Connexion between France and America permanent, but to secure the Happiness and Independence of the Latter. We have the Honor to be &ca

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[Council to Mons'r. Terrasson, Baltimore.]

Sir. We are informed by the Attorney General that Boisbrun was tried on two several Indictments for Theft and convicted, but that the Court had suspended the Punishment which the Law appoints, until Application could be made to us and our Pleasure known therein. The Good and Safety of the Community require that Offenders should be punished, to restrain them from repeating the Offence and to deter others whose malevolent Dispositions might otherwise prompt them to imitate their pernicious Examples, from violating the Law and disturbing the Tranquility of the State; yet, in this particular Case, the Rigour of the Law may be relaxed to avoid that Disquietude which a good and reputable Family would suffer by inflicting an ignominious Punishment on the Culprit, and we are willing to pardon the Offender, on Condition that he enlist in the Service of the United States

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Saturday 4th December 1779

Present as on Yesterday.—

Ordered That the Eastern shore Treasurer pay to Henry Dickinson two hundred and Eighty nine Pounds, five shillings due him per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Thomas Johnson Iunr Two hundred Pounds for 4 months Salary as to the Govr & Council to the 1st Inst.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Colo Forrest 2 pr French hose and flannel suffi for 3 under Waistcoats, he paying the current Price for them.—

Nicholas Worthington, Allen Quynn and Nicholas Maccubbin Junr Esquires Justices of the Peace for Ann Arundel County certify that agreeable to an Act of Assembly entitled " An Act for the more " effectual preventing forestalling and Engrossing and for other " Purposes therein mentioned " [they] have seized one Schooner Load of Wheat, in the Possession of Francis Baker, which from Information contains about the Quantity of five hundred Bushels and have delivered the same to Conrod Theodore Wederstrandt Commissary of Purchases for the United States.—

Permission is hereby given to Mrs Jane Caldcleugh of this State to Solicit Leave from his Excellency General Washington or the Commanding Officer at the Out Posts of the American Army at Elizabeth Town to go into the City of New York, not to return again into this State during the Present War between America and Great Britain, without Leave of the Governor and Council for the time being, first had and obtained, with Liberty to take her Child with her, and John Stewart a Minor and Permission is likewise given to Mr John Turnbull of this State, who has given Evidence of his Attachment to America to attend Mrs Caldeleugh as far as the American Lines.— Liber C B No. 23

Commission issued to John Bracco, William Perry, Jeremiah Banning, William Maynadier, John Troup, Richard Johns, Lloyd Tilghman, Moses Allen, Christo Birkhead, William Dawson, Robert Lloyd Nicolls, William Goldsborough, John Fauntleroy, Woolman Gibson 3d And Hugh Sherwood junr appointed Justices of the Peace for Talbot County and also to William Perry, Jeremiah Banning, Richard Johns, William Goldsborough and William Dawson Judges of the Orphans Court for Talbot County.

[Council to Jeremiah Banning Esqr. Naval Officer 7th District.] Liber C C No. 22 p. 44

Sir. In the Opinion of this Board you have been rather irregular in allowing the Mariners and Passengers of a Vessel to take a larger Quantity of Provisions than necessary to subsist them their Voyage out and Return to the Port from whence they sailed. As the Instance you mention is the first, so we hope it will be the last

[Council to Mr. Stephen West]

Sir. Good strong Stockings are much wanted for our Soldiers, and it would give us Pleasure to have it in our Power to provide them on reasonable Terms. The Samples sent appear to be good and such would suit us. The Reason you give for offering them to us, are very sufficient and we trust the former "contributing to the Relief of the Army" will induce you to part with them on such Terms as will justify us in making the Purchase. The Price hitherto given has not exceeded twenty five Dollars, but as yours are of a superior Quality, we are willing to give from thirty to thirty five Dollars, according to their Goodness and will take 200 Pairs. If you are inclined to sell them at that Rate, be pleased to inform us by the first Opportunity. We are convinced the Examples of others in demanding exorbitant Prices for what they sell will have no Influence on you, because they have a Tendency to obstruct the Object you and we have so much at Heart "the Relief of the Poor Soldiers."

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Monday 6th December 1779

Present as on Saturday.—

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. Beriah Maybury, One hundred and twenty five Pounds, two shillings and six Pence due him per Account passed by the Depy Audr And also the further Sum of one hundred and fifty Pounds on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Goldsmith one thousand and seventy eight Pounds, ten shillings due him per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

Mr Wederstrandt is hereby requested and Authorized to purchase from 12 to 15000 lbs of good grass fed Beef if to be had at 7/6 ꝑ lb. for the use of the State of Maryland and he is likewise desired to advise this Board as soon as he has executed this Commission that inconveniences may be avoided in transporting the Beef hither.

Commission issued to James Horner Esquire elected Sheriff of Harford County

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Tuesday 7th December 1779

Present as on Yesterday—

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Allen Quynn, One hundred and Eighty eight Pounds, twelve shillings and six Pence due him per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt John Loara ten thousand Pounds to be delivered over to Capt George Keeports on Account.—

That the said Treasurer pay to John Muir, two thousand, four hundred and forty two Pounds, seventeen shillings and Six Pence for the purchase of Cloathing for the Army on Account.—

Permission is hereby given to Capt. Joseph Robinson, to transport from this State to the Islands of Bermuda, one thousand and ten Bushels of Indian Corn in the Sloop Unity for the relief of the Inhabitants of the said Islands.—

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[Council to Mr. Abraham Faw]

Sir. The Barracks in Frederick Town are not in a State to accommodate Troops and as probably Part of the American Army may be quartered in that Town this Winter, we wish you to have them put in a more eligible Condition as speedily as possible. It is represented to this Board that in a short Time and with little Expence, they may be made fit for Use and that now, so far from answering the Purpose for which they were erected, they serve for a Rendezvous for Negroes in the Night, by which they are in Danger of being burnt and a Nuisance to the Inhabitants. It is expected you will immediately hire a careful Hand to look to their Safety, or undertake it yourself

[Council to Capt. George P. Keeports]

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Sir. We send you, by Cap[t] John Lorah ten thousand Pounds, Part of which to be applied to pay for the Blankets you have engaged certainly, & the 48 conditionally of Hughs & Williamson; the Price of the latter is very high, but from your Description of the Quality and Size, are induced to take them. The other Blankets, we cannot, at present, agree to take, particularly as you have engaged some of the same Quality at £12.18 under the Price demanded. The Surplus of this Money, or any in your Hands, we desire you to expend in purchasing the Cloth you mention, fit for Overalls at £7.10 pr y[d] and in Linen for Shirts, on the most reasonable Terms, not exceeding the Prices you quote. Please to inform us whether you have received any Articles lately from M[r] Faw and what they are and how you proceed, particularly in the Article of Linen, that we may have some Rule to guide us in any further Orders—

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Present as on Yesterday.—

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to M[rs] Campbell 2 yds of Flannel to be returned in kind.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to George Gordon One hundred and thirty eight Pounds, Sixteen shillings and three Pence due Gordon &C° per Acc[t] passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

Licence given to John Templeman to Exhibit on the Slack Wire &[ca] in any Part of this State.—

Permission is hereby granted to Lade on board the Schooner boat little John of the [burden] of Ten tons of thereabouts, belonging to Robert Berry a Cargoe of Potatoes Turnips and other Vegetables and the same to clear out and transport in her to and for the use of the Fleet and Army of his most Christian Majesty, the Captain of the said Schooner Boat, previous to his Lading on board any of the said Articles, giving bond payable to this State in the Penalty of Six thousand Pounds, Conditioned that if the said Cargoe shall be delivered on board the Fleet of his most Christian Majesty, the danger of the Seas and Enemies only excepted and shall within four Months from the date of such Bond produce to the Governor and Council of this State a Certificate under the hand of a Captain or Commanding Officer of some one of the Ships of War of the said Fleet or some Officer of the said Fleet of higher Rank, of such Delivery then such Bond to be void else of full force—and the Captain of said Schooner Boat also making Oath before the Naval Officer who shall clear out the said Vessel at or before the Time of her clearing out that he will use his utmost Endeavors to prevent the said Cargoe or any part thereof falling into the Hands of the Enemy, and will deliver the same if in his power to or on board some of the said Fleet

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Thursday 9 December 1779

Present as on Yesterday.—

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to William Simpkins a 9 Months Soldier in the 6th Maryland Regimt Discharged the amt of twenty six Pounds in Cloathing due himself also twenty eight Pounds for the use of Adam Mong a 9 Mo Soldier in the same Regt discharged, twenty seven Pounds in Cloathing for Boston Baker and twenty nine Pounds ten shillings in Cloathing for the use of Jacob Garchart, both nine Months Soldiers in the 7 Regimt Discharged, due them by the Act to procure Troops for the American Army.

p. 90 Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John Turnbull, two thousand Dollars for the use of, and to be delivered over to Zedekiah More Ens in the 2d Maryland Regiment the Allowance made him by the Genl Assembly.—

That the said Treasurer pay to Allen Quynn four hundred and thirteen Pounds twelve shillings and six Pence due him per Acct passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Brooke Hodgkin, Twenty six Pounds five shillings due himself and Sixty Pounds for the use of Mrs Elizabeth Scott ꝑ Accts passed by D. Aud.

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Friday 10 December 1779.—

Present as on Yesterday.—

Mr Joseph Wilson & Mr Grafton Preston of Harford County in the State of Maryland are appointed Ensigns in the 6th Maryland Regimt of Continental Troops and it is requested that Commissions may issue to them accordingly from the Board of War.—

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to John Hill a 9 Months Soldr in the 7th Maryland Regiment discharged, the amount of Twenty four Pounds ten shillings in Cloathing due him per Act of Assembly to procure Troops for the American Army.—

December 11

Saturday 11 December 1779

Present as on Yesterday—

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to David Craufurd Esqr to be delivered over to the Honorable John Rogers Esqr twelve hundred and fifty Pounds due him for 1 years Salary as Chancellor of Maryland.

That the said Treasurer pay to Col° Uriah Forrest Two thousand Dollars for the use of and to be delivered over to Barton Tabbs, Surgeon to the 7 Maryland Regiment due him by an Act of Assembly relating to the Officers &ca Liber C B No. 23

That the said Treasurer pay to Elie Vallette one hundred and Seventy five Pounds due him for 2 M° Salary to the 6 Inst. and half years rent of Office Per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Com° Grason 51 Coats for the use of the Men on board the Gallies.

Commission of a Letter of Marque & Reprisal issued to Newton Cannon Commander of the Sloop General Wayne navigated by 10 Men, mounting 4 Carriage Guns, belonging to Samuel Smith & others of Baltimore dated 22[d] Sept[r] last.

Licence given to Walter Hanson to Act as Dep[y] Assist. Commissary of Purchases in Charles County, under a Com° from Thomas Richardson Assist Commissary of Purchases dated the 13th Novem[r] 1779 according to the Act of Assembly in such Case made and Provided

Pardon granted to Bois Brown of Baltimore County convicted in Baltimore County Court on two several Indictments for Theft—on Condition that he forthwith inlist himself in some one of the Regiments of the Quota of this State in the Continental Army and that he do not desert therefrom.

[Council to Capt Geo. P. Keeports] Liber C C No. 22 p. 45

Sir. An Offer is made us by Mess[rs] John Dorsey & Co. of some Cloth, said to be proper for Soldiers. We request you to wait on M[r] Dorsey and to inform us of the Quality, Price and Width of the Cloth. M[r] Samuel Chase informs us his Company will part with the Articles wanted, to the State, for £25 to £26 ꝑ y[d] Your Opinion, as to the Offer, will, in some Measure, be a Guide to us in coming to a Conclusion on this Business. We are much in Want of Blankets; pray enquire if any are lately arrived.

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Present as on Saturday—

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Elijah Gaither thirty six Pounds for the use of Aquila Randall per Account passed by the Dep[y] Aud[r]

That the said Treasurer pay to Col° Uriah Forrest, seven hundred and seventy five Pounds fourteen shillings and four Pence for the use of Robert Buchanan ꝑ Acc[ts] passed by the Aud Gen[l]

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Tuesday 14th December 1779

Present as on Yesterday.—

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Lieut Elijah Evans of the Rifle Regimt lately commanded by Colo Moses Rawlings in the Continental Service one hundred and fifty Pounds the Allowance made the Officers in the Continental Service from this State by a Resolution of the Genl Assembly passed the 11. Decemr 1778. and also the further Sum of two thousand Dollars in leiu of the Articles for the present year allowed by the Act of Assembly relating to the Officers & Soldiers &ca

December 15

Wednesday 15th December 1779

Present as on Yesterday.—

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to William Logan, three hundred Pounds due him per Account passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Como Thomas Grason one thousand two hundred and thirty nine Pounds to pay for Beef Purchased by him for the State on Account.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Serjt John Neary of the 1 Regimt one Pair of Shoes.—

Capt George Keeports is requested to furnish Serjt Richard Snook of the 2d Regt with what Cloathing is necessary for himself to be charged to the said Regimt and Serjt John Neary of the 1 Regt 1 Shirt, 1 pr Breeches & 1 pr Stockings to be charged to the same

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[Council to Capt. Geo. P. Keeports]

Sir. The Quality of the Cloth is too good for the Purpose it is wanted and consequently the Price too high; it would therefore be proper to purchase the Cloth we mentioned in our last at £7.10 which supposing it to be about 300 yds will leave a Deficiency of Cloth to make up 165 Overalls wanted in the Whole to compleat 2000 Overalls, as we are informed by Mr Randall: this Deficiency, we request you to purchase on the best Terms you can. The coarse Linen you mention may be used in lining the Overalls, at least to the Knees. We are sorry to find Mr Faw has not lately sent you any Supplies; we expect you will soon receive from him, some Shirts and Stockings and that by next Week you will be prepared to send the Whole to Camp. If the Quality of the Stockings is such as will answer our Purpose, and the Price within Bounds, they must be bought. Cannot you obtain a Preference to the State, and inform us of the Quality and Price? if not, we must leave it to your Discretion to obtain on the best Terms. We have lately bought some in this town, the quality indeed not very good, at 28 Dollars ꝑ pair.

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Present as on Yesterday—

Commissions issued to Nath[l] Manning appointed Capt in the room of Thomas Eccleston, Levin Woolford 1 Lieut, Benjamin Woodward 2[d] Lieut.—Augustus Wheatly Capt in the room of Arthur Wheatly, William Dail 1 Lieut, Thomas Wheeler 2[d] Lieut, Thomas Vickars Ens—Levin Hubbard Capt in the room of James Woolford, William Thomas 1 Lieut, John Lecompt 2[d] Lieut, Thomas Hubbard Ens.—James Byns Capt in the room of Joseph Byns, Solomon Jones 1 Lieut, Joseph Hubbard 2 L[t] Samuel Hubbard Ens. Bestpitch Ens. of Capt. Edward Stapleforts Comp[y] belonging to the Lower Battalion of Militia in Dorchester County and also to Robert Russum 2[d] Lieut of Capt Jacob Wrights Comp[y] Sam[l] Hooper 1 L[t] Walter Rawley Ens of Capt Roger A Hoopers C[o]—John Miles 1 Lieut, Jeremiah Connerly Ens. of Capt James Wrights C[o] and William Morgan Ens. of Capt John Henry's Comp[y], belonging to the Upper Battalion of Militia in Dorchester County—

[Council to Capt Geo. P. Keeports]

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Sir. Your Letter of Yesterday this Moment came to Hand. As our Army want Stockings and those offered by Mess[rs] Dorsey & Hammond, tho' rather high, are from your Description, proper; We desire you will close with the Gentlemen at £175 p[r] Dozen; the Quantity is one among other Inducements with us, to accept the Offer. The Blankets you have heretofore mentioned, we incline to take, even at £112..10..0 and therefore request you will immediately secure them. The Council yesterday in their Answer to yours of the 11th Ins[t] gave you a discretionary Power of purchasing particular Cloths for Overalls and at the same Time refused to accept of those offered by Dorsey and Company, deeming them too good and too high for the Purpose intended. Leather Breeches, Col[o] Forrest thinks, would by no Means Suit Soldiers at this Season of the Year, if so they are not an Object with us. If the ten Pieces of $\frac{5}{8}$ brown French Rateen at £11.5 ℔ yard and the 11 Pieces of $\frac{6}{4}$ blue Baize at £16..10 ℔ yard, will do for Overalls; We request you will purchase them We rely upon your Attention and Activity in the Purchase of Linen for Shirts and that you will advise us from Time to Time of your Prospects in getting Supplies of that and likewise the Article of Blankets Send a List of the Cloathing carried to Camp by M[r] Randall that we may ascertain the Deficiency. Surely you will not suffer the Gentlemen from Philadelphia or others, to carry from this State, any Article of Cloathing required by our Troops, when the Law of July Session 1779 entitled "An Act for the effectual preventing of Forestalling and Engrossing and for other Purposes therein mentioned" expressly prohibits such Practices, unless licenced by this Board.

[Rateen was a thick twilled woolen cloth, usually friezed or with a curled nap.]

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Friday 17th December 1779—

Present as on Yesterday.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John Townly, forty nine Pounds, seven shillings & six Pence due him per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

p. 92 Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Colo William Hyde two thousand six hundred and twenty eight Pounds five shillings for the use of Nicholas Maccubbin for Damages done his Houses by the Soldiery ꝑ Accs allowed by the Ho. of Delegates.—

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Doctr James Murray 3 yards flannel for his Assistance to the Soldiery.—

Pardon granted to Hugh Kelly of Baltimore County convicted in the Genl Court for Forgery.—

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[Council to The Delegates from Maryland in Congress.]

Gentlemen. We beg the Favor of you to forward the £419..3..0 herewith sent to the Treasury of Jersey before the first Day of next Month; as it appears by a Resolve of the Assembly of that State, that Money emitted by Authority of the Jersey Provincial Congress must be deposited in the Treasury by that Time, or not to be redeemed. This is not properly the Business of this Board, nor would we trouble you on the Occasion, but to assist Mr Harwood, our Treasurer a worthy Officer who we have no Doubt you will as readily serve

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Saturday 18 December 1779

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Serjt William Bowles of the 2d Regt 1 Coat and also to Serjt Thomas Guibert of the same Regimt 1 Coat and 2 pr Shoes to be charged to the same Regiment—

December 20

Monday 20th December 1779

Present as on Saturday.—

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to George Hammond seven thousand three hundred and fifty Pounds to be delivered over to George P. Keeports to be by him expended in the Purchase of Cloathing for the Maryland Troops in the Continental Army.—

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Charles Scott of the 1 Regimt 1 pr Breeches, 1 pr Stockings and 1 pr Overalls.—

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[Council to His Excellency Thomas Jefferson Governor of Virginia]

Sir. The enclosed is a Copy of Intelligence, this Moment received by this Board, from his Excellency the Chevalier De la Luzerne.

We have taken the speediest Method of conveying it to your Excellency, under an Impression of the Propriety of giving you the earliest Intimation of the Design of the Enemy We have the Honor to be &ca Liber C C No. 22

[Council to Monsr le Marquis de Vaudreuil or the Officer commanding the Ships of War of his most Christian Majesty now in Chesapeake Bay.]

Sir. The enclosed is a Copy of the Intelligence we just received by Express from his Excellency the Chevalier De la Luzerne and we have taken this Method as the most expeditious to apprise you of the Intention of the Enemy and to assure you that we will with the utmost Alacrity afford every possible Aid that may be required, but at present are unable to concert any Means that may be of Service in frustrating the Designs of our common Foe We have the Honor to be &ca

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Present as on Yesterday.

Commissions issued to Thomas Sprigg appointed Lieutenant of Washington County in the room of Daniel Hughes, who has removed to Baltimore Town and also to Thomas Johns appointed Coroner of Montgomery County.—

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Present as on Yesterday.—

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to John Johnson two thousand five hundred and forty two Pounds, ten shillings per Acc^t passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Col° Isaac Perkins seven hundred and Eighty eight Pounds, fourteen shillings & four Pence ꝑ Acc^t passed by the Aud. Genl

Thursday 23^d December 1779 December 23

Present as on Yesterday.—

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to John Knapp, forty Eight Pounds, seven shillings and six Pence to be delivered over to George Mann and One hundred and sixty five Pounds, seven shillings and six Pence to be delivered over to William Whetcroft due them per Accounts passed by the Aud. Genl

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Serj^t John Smith of the 2^d Regim^t one Coat and 2 pair of Shoes, to be charged to the said Regim^t

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That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to Charles Wallace 1½ yds Flannel and John Davidson 1½ yds flannel to be paid in Kind—

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[Council to Capt. Geo. P. Keeports]

Sir. We have wrote by this Opportunity to Mr Calhoun to furnish, upon your Requisition, Waggons to convey the Cloathing already purchased, to Mr Randall and trust that you will not only have the Blankets, Cloth, Shirts &^ca which you and Mr Randall purchased, carefully packed up, but that you will have those sent you by Mr Faw, delivered to the Guard in the same State. The Guard is to be composed of a commissioned Officer, Sergeant Neary, and four Privates, the Serjeant and Privates are now in Baltimore Town. and, if there should be no commissioned Officer there, Mr Calhoun is desired to have a careful Person to command the Guard. Send an Invoice of the Particulars to Mr Randall and a Copy to this Board. There are a Parcel of Shoes and other Articles in the Hands of Mr Muir and a further Quantity is expected Shortly the whole shall be sent you about Monday next, in the Mean Time you may get what you have, in Readiness

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[Council to James Calhoun Esquire]

Sir The extreme Severity of the Season and the Wants of our Troops, induce us to request of you, a sufficient Number of Waggons to convey the Cloathing already purchased by the State to Mr Randall. The Quantity on Hand is not so considerable as we could wish, but some of the Articles are in great Request, more especially the Blankets; we therefore solicit your good Offices in having them sent on without Loss of Time. There are five Men now in Baltimore of our Line, Sergeant Neary and four Privates; these might serve as a Guard, if you could put them under the Command of a commissioned Officer, and, in Case no Officer should be on the Spot, a prudent Man hired for the Purpose of commanding the Guard would answer the Purpose.

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Friday 24 December 1779

Present as on Yesterday.—

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to James Roper Twenty five Pounds, ten shillings due him per Account passed by the Aud Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Col^o Richard Dallam Twenty five thousand Pounds to be expended in the Purchase of Flour for the Continental Army.—

That the said Treasurer pay to James Littell forty nine Pounds due him ꝑ Account passed by the Auditor Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Allen Quynn Two hundred and Eleven Pounds, five shillings due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l] Liber C B No. 23

That Capt George Keeports deliver to Samuel Chase Esquire or his order the ten 4[lb] Guns with their Carriages which were taken from the Conqueror Galley. M[r] Chase paying the same Price for them, as the Governor and Council may receive from the four Pounders with their Carriages now to be disposed of, belonging to the Chester Galley.—

Joshua Cord a Private in the Matrosses, stationed in the City of Annapolis, has Permission to go on Furlough in the Country to see his Friends so that he return back to the same Place on or before the 15 Day of February next.—

[Council to Colo. Samuel Smith] Liber C C No. 22 p. 48

Sir. The Proposals in yours of the 23[d] Ins[t] have been considered and they do not appear to be such as we can, with Propriety, close with. We have already had Offers much more advantageous and think, every Gentleman who may be inclined to treat with us should take into Consideration that without a Connexion with us on Account of the Public, they cannot have the Benefit of exporting the Article which yields the greatest Profit in the West Indies

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Present as on Friday.—

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Stephen Steward Esq[r] Thirty thousand Pounds on Account of Goods Purchased of him.—

[Gov. Lee to His Excellency General Washington] Liber C C No. 22 p. 48

Sir. I had the Honor to receive your Excellency's Letter of the 16th Ins[t] in the Evening of the 24th The important Subject of it was instantly communicated to the General Assembly of this State which, happily, was then sitting, and I have the Pleasure to assure your Excellency, the Resolution of that Honorable Body is, to make the most vigorous Exertions, in sending forward every Supply the State is capable of furnishing. The Enclosure is a Copy of the Law passed for the Purpose, which, I trust, is a clear Manifestation of their laudable Intentions, and which, judging of the Disposition of other States from our own, I flatter myself affords a well grounded Hope that the Wants of the Army, will be speedily satisfied.

I have the Honor to be with the most respectful Attachment Y[r] Ex[ys] &[ca]

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Monday 27 December 1779

Present as on Yesterday.

Commission issued to Joseph Howard Junr appointed Coroner of Ann Arundel County

Ordered that John Taylor Esquire Collector of the Tax for Harford County pay unto Richard Dallam, Ignatius Wheeler, and Edward Talbot (Commissioners under the Act entitled An Act for the immediate Supply of Flour and other Provisions for the Army) Thirty thousand Pounds to enable them to carry the said Act into Execution.

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[Council Colo. Henry Hollingsworth]

Sir. We have received your Letter of the 21st Ins^t by Express; the Contents were communicated to, and your Letters of former Dates on the same Subject, laid before the General Assembly. We cannot recommend this as a proper Place for the Troops destined to the Southward, to embark from, as there are not, at present, Craft sufficient to carry them, nor is this Board cloathed with Powers to impress a Bill, however, is originating, in the Senate, to enable us, [to impress] on Emergencies, Vessels Carriages and Teams, to expedite the March of Troops &^ca through this, into other States, but what the Fate of that Bill may be, is altogether uncertain. We imagine you are not unacquainted with the disagreeable Situation of our Army, therefore suggest to you the Advantage of having a Number of Waggons immediately engaged to forward the Flour which may be furnished in Virtue of a Law of the present Session, for the Supply of Flour and other Provisions for the Army. Having the firmest reliance on your Zeal & Activity we intimated the Propriety of the Measure

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[Council to Capt. George P. Keeports]

Sir. We have been disappointed, in getting the Number of Shoes we had Reason to expect when we wrote you last; you are therefore desired to dispatch the Cloathing on Hand with the utmost Expedition

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Wednesday 29 December 1779

Present as on Monday.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to John Prout and James Hammond Matrosses on Furlough of the late Capt Gates Comp^y of Artillery from this State now at Camp one pair of Shoes each and charge to the Company.—

Commission issued to Walter Hanson, John Dent, Robert Young, Richard Barnes and Walter Hanson Jenifer appointed Judges of the Orphans Court for Charles County.

By his Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esquire Governor of Maryland Liber C B No. 23

A Proclamation—

Whereas it is represented by the most unquestionable Authority, that the Army of the United States is greatly distressed for want of Flour and Forage and that they will infallibly disband unless the most speedy and Extraordinary exertions are made by this State to procure those Supplies for their relief And Whereas the General Assembly have enacted a Law entitled "An Act for the immediate Supply of Flour and other Provisions for the Army" which requires the utmost efforts of every worthy Citizen of this State, to carry the same into full and speedy Execution. I do therefore most earnestly intreat, conjure require and enjoin all Justices of the Peace, Sheriffs and their Deputies Constables and all other the good Citizens of this State by that Love of their Country, that Patriotic Zeal and Magnanimity which have hitherto distinguished their Conduct, in the present glorious Contest for Life, Liberty and property, to exert themselves to the utmost of this Critical emergency in procuring and furnishing Flour and other Provisions for the immediate relief of the Army in their present Alarming distress and rendering every Assistance to the Commissioners in carrying the said Law into Execution p. 94

Given at Annapolis the Twenty ninth Day of December in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and seventy nine Tho Sim Lee

By his Excellency's Command T. Johnson Jun'r Secy

God Save the State

[Council to the Commissioners of the different Counties] Liber C C No. 22

Gentlemen. The General Assembly reposing the most entire Confidence in your Integrity Patriotic Zeal and Attachment to the common Cause, have appointed you Commissioners for—County to carry into Execution the "Act for the immediate Supply of Flour and other Provisions for the Army." The enclosed Copy of his Excellency General Washington's Letter, manifests, in the strongest Terms, the great Distress of the Army, and the urgent Necessity of your most vigorous Exertions to procure and forward a sufficient Supply of Flour and the other Articles enumerated in the Act. Your own Discernment is sufficient to point out the manifold Evils that would result from so calamitous an Event as the Disbanding the Army and will suggest to you that the Happiness of yourselves and Posterity, may depend on your Diligence and Activity in executing the Law, and your Endeavours to dispose the People of your County, not only to acquiesce in, but further the Measures of the General Assembly in attaining so desirable an Object as the immediate Supply of our Army with Flour and other Necessaries. You may rely p. 49

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on our Assistance, to remove every Obstacle that might impede, or render a full and speedy Execution of this Law, difficult. The Copy herewith sent, is sufficient, without particular Instructions from us, to direct you how the Business entrusted to your Care and Management, is to be conducted. We expect you will make Returns to us, every Fortnight, of the Quantity of Flour and other Articles obtained in Consequence of the Law. We advise you, in granting Certificates, to consult the Ease and Convenience of the Person entitled, by giving Certificates for small Sums, if required. The Copy of the General's Letter is sent as the most authentic and indisputable Proff of the Truth of the Grounds of the Law merely for your Information and not to be communicated to any Person unless you think it will facilitate the Execution of the Law in particular Cases and induce a more chearful Compliance. We have enclosed you Certificates and a few Copies of the Proclamation.

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[Council to the Sheriffs of the different Counties]

Sir We have enclosed you four Proclamations, which you are, immediately on Receipt of this Letter, to read, publish and make known, or cause to be read, published and made known, by yourself and Deputies to the Inhabitants of your County, at the most public Places thereof.

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Thursday 30 December 1779

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esqr seven hundred and sixty Pounds, ten shillings due himself and one thousand Eight hundred and seventy five Pounds for the use of John Rogers Esqr Chancellor the Compensation made by the General Assembly—

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Beatty the following Sums of Money for the use of the several Persons thereto annexed ꝑ Accounts passed.

Six Pounds for Henry Fero. Twenty seven Pounds for Henry Clemens.

Seven Pounds, ninteen shillings for John Abell, three Pounds five shillings for John Gump

Three Pounds for Martin Toshman, Seventy Pounds four shillings for David Levy

Forty Pounds ten shillings for John Waggoner, Twenty eight Pounds, sixteen shill^{gs} for Ch^{s} Secrest

Forty nine Pounds, ten shillings for Geo Bear, Twenty nine Pounds five shillings for Geo Beall

Ten Pounds sixteen shillings for Saml Dorff Six Pounds fifteen shillings for John Cray

Fifteen Pounds six shillings for Thomas Long, Twenty seven Pounds for Timothy Swain Liber C B No. 23

Twenty seven Pounds for Godfried Hallow, Fourteen Pounds Eight Shillings for James Dodd.

Six hundred and Eighty eight Pounds and one hundred and Twenty two Pounds ten shillings for Richard Haff and also the further Sum of Twenty six thousand seven hundred and Eighty two Pounds two shillings and ten Pence to be deliv^{d} over to Abraham Faw on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to James Brice Esqr Thirty Pounds for his Allowance in Council to the 9th November inclusive at £3 ꝑ day and one thousand five hundred and fifty eight Pounds the Compensation made him by the Genl Assembly and the further Sum of Eight hundred and forty Pounds for his Attend^{a} in Council from the 10th day of Novem^{r} to this Inst inclusive 42 Days—

That the said Treasurer pay to William Hyde sixty two Pounds ten shillings due him as ass^{t} Cl. to the Govr & Council being the Bal of the Compensation made him by the Genl Assembly.—

Commissions issued to James Matthews and Clement Lewis appointed Coroners of Harford County— p. 95

This Board being of opinion that it would be the means of procuring a higher price for the Salt Petre, Salt Pans, Kettles and other Utensils for making Salt or Salt Petre, belonging to this State in the hands of Contractors and others, if such Persons were directed to sell the same at the places were they are now Deposited.

Ordered therefore that all Contractors and others, having any of the above enumerated Articles in their Possession be authorized and directed to sell the same at public Sale immediately and render an Account of such Sales to this Board.—

Friday 31 December 1779. December 31

Present as on Yesterday.—

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to John Henry Esqr five thousand four hundred Pounds due him for his Attend^{a} in Congress ꝑ Account passed by the Aud Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Joseph Dowson, two thousand, three hundred and sixty two Pounds, ten shillings for 180 pair of Stockings purchased of him by the Governor and Council and Delivered to John Muir Commissary of Stores for the Use of the Continental Army.—

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Beatty Esqr one thousand one hundred and ninty five Pounds to be delivered over to Capt Richard Haff for the use of himself & Guard over the Magazine near Frederick Town to be by him Accounted for.

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That the said Treasurer pay to John Crysall Eight hundred and Eighty six Pounds Eleven shillings on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Duckett four hundred and fifty Pounds the Compensation made him by the General Assembly for past Services as Clerk to the Ho. of Del.

That the said Treasurer pay to Daniel Carroll Esqr fifty seven Pounds for his Attend^{a} in Council to the 9th of November inclusive a £3 ꝑ day and the further Sum of one thousand four hundred and sixty two Pounds ten shillings the Compensation made him by the Genl Assembly

That the said Treasurer pay to Daniel of St Thomas Jenifer Esqr Two thousand Eight hundred and twenty five Pounds the bal^{a} due him for his Attend^{a} as a Delegate to Congress per Account passed by the Aud. General.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Duckett three hundred and thirty three Pounds, six shillings and Eight Pence for 2 Months Salary as Cl. to the House of Delegates per Account passed by the Aud Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Jeremiah Townley Chase Esqr nine hundred and Twenty Pounds for his Attendance in Council 46 Days.—

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[Council to Mr Abraham Faw]

Sir. We would not have you do any Thing more to the Barracks at present but advise you to have the Sashes taken out and secured, to prevent any further Damage to them. If you have any Cloathing on Hand, we wish you to forward it immediately to Mr Keeports. We would have you purchase Linen for three or four Hundred Shirts, provided you can get it at the Price you mention, to supply the Recruits to be raised by the late Act.

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Saturday 1st January 1780

Present as on yesterday—

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to the Continental Treasurer out of the money collected and paid into his hands in Virtue of the additional Supplement to the Act entitled an Act to raise Supplies for the year seventeen hundred and seventy nine six hundred and twenty five thousand three hundred and thirty three Dollars & one third of a Dollar being Part of the four Million six hundred and Eighty thousand Dollars appropriated to the use of Congress by that Act.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Brice Esqr seven hundred & seventy five Pounds ten shillings for flour for the state ꝑ an. passed by the Aud. Genl

Ordered That Capt. Keeports deliver to Samuel Chase Esqr or his Order a Barrel of Cannon Powder the Price to be the same as the same kind of Powder shall sell for. Liber C B No. 23 p. 96

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. George Keeports Fifteen thousand Pounds to be applied in Purchasing Cloathing for the Continental Army and Accounted for.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Brice Esqr one thousand and forty Pounds for his Attendance to the 31 of December inclusive 52 Days.

[Council to Capt. Geo. P. Keeports] Liber C C No. 22 p. 50

Sir. It is necessary that the utmost Expedition should be used in transporting the Cloathing for our Quota of the Army of the United States to Camp, and we do instruct you to procure in Hire, such a Number of Waggons as will be sufficient for that Purpose, You must attend the Waggons in Person and take such a Guard as you think necessary. When you arrive at Camp, you are to deliver the Cloathing to Mr John Randall State Cloathier and take his Receipt for the same. You are to apply to Mr James Calhoun of Baltimore Town and request him to give you an Order on the Continental Quarter Master for Forage for the Horses—

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Present as on Saturday.

Commission of a Letter of Marque & Reprisal issued to James Forbes Commander of the Brig Hercules, 40 Tons burthen mounting 12 Carriage Guns and 12 small Arms, belonging to Young, Knox & Co of Baltimore and dated 25 of Septem^{r} last.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. Levin Handy of the 5th Maryland Regiment 14 yds Linen thread sufficient to make it up, and 2 pair of Stockings in part of the Allowance made by the General Assembly and to be charged at the price for which the same might have been procured and Purchased at the Commencement of the present war with Great Britain.

[Council To the Recruiting Officers in St. Mary's Charles, Prince Georges, Montgomery, Washington, Frederick, Baltimore Harford, Cecil, Kent, Queen Ann's and Talbot Counties.] Liber C C No. 22 p. 50

Sir This Board reposing Confidence in your Zeal and Activity to promote the Cause of Liberty, have appointed you one of the Recruiting Officers for ——— County and have to observe by Way of Instructions, that you must, in discharging your Duty, pursue the Directions contained in the " Act for recruiting the Quota of Troops of this State in the American Army," herewith sent. For the Sub-

Liber C C No. 22 sistence of the Recruits enlisted by you, we advise you to purchase Provisions Sufficient for that Purpose and to allow each Recruit the Continental Rations. To enable you to make such Purchase and to pay the Continental and State Bounties, we have sent you an Order on the Collector of the Tax for your County for three thousand Dollars. You must render us an Account of the Money expended in the Purchase of Provisions to subsist your Recruits and in paying the Bounties and inform when more Money will be necessary for this Service. Should there be a Recruiting Officer in your County from Camp, you must deliver your Recruits to such Officer, as soon as you can, after they are passed, if not, you must deliver them to the Recruiting Officer in any other County that is most Convenient. Should there be an Issuing Commissary in your County, and convenient, it will be proper to draw the Rations for your Recruits from him. You are to use every Precaution to avoid enlisting British or foreign Deserters; the most particular Attention to this Object of your Instructions will be necessary to prevent Imposition

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Sir This Board reposing Confidence in your Zeal and Activity to promote the Course of Liberty, have appointed you one of the Recruiting Officers for Ann Arundel County and have to observe, by way of Instructions that you must, in discharging Duty, pursue the Directions contained in the " Act for recruiting the Quota of Troops of this State in the American Army " herewith sent, Upon Application to this Board, you may be supplied with Money to recruit with. You must render us an Account of the Money expended in paying the Bounties and inform us when more Money will be necessary for this Service.

You are to use every Precaution to avoid enlisting British or foreign Deserters; the most particular Attention to this Object of your Instructions will be necessary to prevent Imposition. Your Recruits are to be allowed the Continental Rations for their Subsistance and you must draw on the Commissary of Issues in this City. As soon as your Recruits are passed, you must deliver them to the Recruiting Officer from Camp in this County; should there not be one here, you are to deliver them to Capt John Chalmers in this City.

[Council To the Recruiting Officers in Somerset, Worcester, Caroline and Dorchester Counties]

Sir This Board reposing Confidence in your Zeal and Activity to promote the Cause of Liberty, have appointed you one of the Recruiting Officers for ——— County and have to observe, by Way of Instructions, that you must in discharging your Duty, pursue the Directions contained in the " Act for recruiting the Quota of Troops

of this State in the American Army" herewith sent. For the Subsistence of the Recruits enlisted by you, we advise you to purchase Provisions sufficient for that Purpose and to allow each Recruit the Continental Rations. To enable you to make such Purchase, we have sent you an Order on the Sheriff of your County for should there be a Recruiting Officer in your County from Camp, you must deliver your Recruits to such Officer, as soon as you can, after they are passed, if not, you must deliver them to the Recruiting Officers in any other County that is most convenient. Liber C C No. 22

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Present as on Yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Henry Ridgely four hundred and fifty Pounds being the Compensation allowed him by the Genl Assembly as cl. to the Senate and also the further sum of three hundred and thirty three Pounds six shillings and Eight Pence due him for his Salary as Clerk to the Senate 2 months to the 1st Instant as per Account passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Beriah Maybury one hundred and seventy Pounds, ten shillings due him per Account passed by the Depy Audr and the further Sum of one hundred and fifty Pounds on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Levin Handy five thousand Dollars to be expended in the recruiting Service and Accounted for.

That John Strawbridge Collector for Cecil County pay unto Thomas Harwood Esqr Continental Treasurer or order ninety three thousand seven hundred and fifty Pounds Current Money as part of the four Million six hundred and Eighty thousand Dollars appropriated to the use of Congress by the General Assembly to be subject to the Order of Colo Henry Hollingsworth being part of the four hundred thousand Dollars granted to Charles Pettit by warrant from Congress dated December 22d 1779.

That Robertson Stevens Collector of the Tax for Dorchester County pay to Jacob Staten a Recruiting Officer for the said County one thousand Dollars also to John Stewart recruiting Officer in said County one thousand Dollars and to Benjamin Bailey one thousand Dollars to be expended in the Recruiting Service and Accounted for.

That William Hooper Collector of the Tax for Caroline County pay to Peter Rich & Benjamin Sylvester Recruiting Officers for said County one thousand Dollars each to be expended in the recruiting Service and Accounted for.

Ordered That the Collector of the Tax for Somerset County pay to Capt. Levin Handy Fifteen thousand Dollars to be expended in the Recruiting Service and Accounted for p. 97

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That the Collector of the Tax for Worcester County pay to the said Capt. Levin Handy Fifteen thousand Dollars to be expended in the Recruiting Service & Accounted for—

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[Council to Col. Ephraim Blaine]

Sir. Enclosed we send you an Act for the more effectual preventing forestaling and Engrossing and for other Purposes therein mentioned, containing Matters, we apprehend, necessary for your Information

[Council to His Excellency Benjamin Franklin]

Sir You will perceive by the enclosed Act, that the General Assembly of this State have invested you with Authority to appoint one of the five Gentlemen nominated therein, Trustee for the Purpose of carrying the same into Execution, in Case the Trustees heretofore appointed by the Province of Maryland, should neglect or refuse to act. We request your Excellency to transmit a Copy of the Act to Messrs Russell, Grove and Hanbury, Trustees appointed by the old Government, and desire their immediate Answer, whether they will transact Business, sell out the Stock, accept and pay the Bills drawn in Pursuance of the Act. If they will execute the Trust, we
p. 52 would have them directed to sell out the Stock immediately and place the Money in the Hands of some capital Banker in Amsterdam or Paris, subject to their Draughts, in Case Bills should be drawn on them. If the Trustees decline acting, we desire you would send the Trustee appointed by your Excellency, a Copy of the Act, with similar Directions to those above. As the Proceedings of the General Assembly of this State, relative to British Property, may reach your Excellency as soon as this Letter, we think it necessary that you should be precisely informed on this Subject, to prevent Misrepresentation and to obviate any Difficulties that may occur in the Transaction of this Business. The House of Delegates, during their last Sessions, proposed a Bill for the Seizure and Confiscation of all British Property, to the Use of the State, except Debts due from the Inhabitants of this State to the Subjects of the King of Great Britain; this Bill was rejected by the Senate not because they were against the Exception but because they deemed a Seizure and Confiscation of British Property at this Time, improper; so that British Property here continues in the State it ever was. We have only to solicit so much of your Time and Attention to this Matter, as will be necessary to preserve the Property of this State

[Council to His Excellency John Jay Esqr.]

Sir We have it in Command from the General Assembly of Maryland to transmit to you a Copy of the Act for calling out of Circu-

lation certain Bills of Credit emitted by Act of Assembly; you will perceive, on Perusal of the Act, that a Power is delegated to you, in Case His Excellency Benjamin Franklin should die or decline to accept of the Trust reposed in him, to appoint one of the five Gentlemen nominated in the Act, Trustee for the Purpose of carrying the same into Execution. In Case either of those Events should happen we request your Excellency to transmit a Copy of the Act to Messrs Russell, Grove and Hanbury, Trustees appointed by the old Government and desire their immediate Answer whether they will transact the Business, sell out the Stock, accept and pay the Bills drawn in Pursuance of the Act If they will execute the Trust, we would have them directed to sell out the Stock immediately and place the Money in the Hands of some capital Banker in Amsterdam or Paris, subject to their Draughts in Case Bills should be drawn on them. If the Trustees decline acting, we desire you would send the Trustee appointed by your Excellency, a Copy of the Act with similar Directions to those above. As the Proceedings of the General Assembly of this State; relative to British Property, may reach your Excellency as soon as this Letter, we think it necessary that you should be precisely informed on this Subject to prevent Misrepresentation and to obviate any Difficulties that may occur in the Transaction of this Business. Liber C C No. 22

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Present as on Yesterday—

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Thomas Johnson Junr cl. to the Governor and Council seven hundred and Eighty three Pounds, six shillings and Eight Pence the balance of 2 Months Salary to the 1st Instant.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Hyde Eight hundred and thirty three Pounds, six shillings and Eight Pence due him for 2 months Salary as Ass^t^ cl. to the Governor and Council to the 1st Instant.

That the said Treasurer pay to Robert Reith Messenger to the Governor and Council, Three hundred and fifty Eight Pounds,

Liber C B No. 23 Eighteen shillings and seven Pence due him per Account passed by the Dep^{y} Aud^{r}

Ordered that Comm^{o} Grason deliver to Col^{o} William Richardson an Account of the Owners of the Brig Talbot, 2 4th Carriage Guns and Carriages, 2 Breechens, 2 Gun Tackles 4 Gun Tackles, 2 Worms and Ladles, 2 Rammers and Spunges, 2 Cartridge Boxes, 2 powder horns & Prickers 2 Bitts, 100 round and 25 Double headed Shot, 2 Leaden Aprons—1 Anchor 790^{t} 1 Cable 1840^{t}. The Owners of the said Brig are to pay the same Price for them that the other four Pounders and Articles above mentioned to be disposed of by the Governor and Council shall sell for except the Anchor and Cable which they have sold him for £7.100.

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[Council to William Smith Esqr.]

Sir We received your Favors of the 3^{d} Ins^{t} by Express. As the grand Object of the Act for the immediate Supply &^{ca} is to procure an immediate and full supply of Provisions for our Army, it was necessary that the Commissioners should be vested with extraordinary Powers, that those Powers should be accurately defined and that the Mode to be pursued by them should be plainly delineated, which is done. We do not think that Flour and Wheat purchased for the Marine of France priveleged or exempted from Seizure; and we are certain it was not the Intention of the Legislature that those Articles should be, because such Exemption would in a great Degree, if not wholly frustrate the Design of the Law. We esteem it our Duty to afford the Commissioners every Aid in our Power to facilitate the Execution of the Law, and therefore cannot at this Time, grant Permission to export Flour, because we should thereby restrain that extensive Operation of the Act, by which alone we can obtain an immediate Supply adequate to our pressing Wants. We are sensible of its Importance that the Marine of France should be furnished with Flour and it is with the utmost Regret, we have refused Permission and Nothing could have induced us to do it but the alarming and distressful Situation of our Army, and when we have Assurances that their Wants are relieved, we shall with Pleasure, grant Licence as heretofore. The numerous Evils that would result from procrastinating, the Supplies when contrasted with the Inconveniencies alluded to by you, will, we trust evince the Propriety of our Conduct and justify our Refusal. We will send you the Account for that furnished Capt Harrison by the next opportunity

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Present as on Wednesday—

Ordered That Serj. Richard Welsh deliver to John Davidson 1 Barrel Cannon Powder 12 Fathom Match Rope and 32 four pound Shot Mr Davidson is to pay the same Price for them that the same Articles to be disposed of by the Governor & Council shall sell for

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Present as on Yesterday—

Ordered That the Collector of the Tax for Baltimore County pay to Richard Lemmon three thousand Pounds, one thousand Pounds part thereof to be by him retained one thousand Pounds other Part to be delivered to John M^c^Clellan and the remaining one thousand Pounds to be delivered to Isaac Griest to enable them to carry into Execution, the Act for the immediate Supply of Flour and other Provisions for the Army & to be Accounted for.

[Council to James Calhoun Esqr.]

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Sir We request you to give Orders that the Drivers of Teams sent to transport Supplies for the Army by the Commissioners appointed by the Act for the immediate Supply &^ca^ be furnished with necessary Provisions and Forage for themselves and Horses

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Present as on Saturday—

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Commodore Grason for Negro Thomas a Cooper belonging to this State 2 Shirts, 1 Jacket, 1 pair Hose 1 p^r^ Breeches, & 1 p^r^ shoes or what of them he has.

[Council to Robert Buchanan Esqr.]

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Sir We this Morning received your Letter by Mr Allen, we cannot think that the Information you have received and communicated to us, is sufficient to warrant a Suspension of the Act for the immediate Supply &^ca^ nor can we direct the Commissioners to cease to act according to that Law until we are ascertained that a Sufficient Quantity of Flour to Supply the Army has been obtained

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Present as on Yesterday

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. Joseph Marbury of the 3^d^ Maryland Reg^t^ Two thousand Dollars to be expended in the recruiting Service & Accounted for

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Samuel Farmer of the 3^d^ Regim^t^ Two thousand Dollars to be expended in the recruiting Service and Accounted for

Liber C B No. 23 That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. William Beatty of the 7th Regiment Two thousand Dollars to be expended in the Recruiting Service and Accounted for.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt Lieut. Lloyd Beall of the 7th Maryld Regimt Two thousand Dollars to be by him expended in the Recruiting Service & Accounted for.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Henry C. Gaither of the 1st Regiment to be expended in the recruiting Service and accounted for.

That the Collector of the Tax for Montgomery County pay to Capt. Henry Chew Gaither of the 1st Regimt Ten thousand Dollars to Lieut Samuel Farmer of the 3d Reg. five thousand Dollars, to Capt. Lieut. Wm Lloyd Beall of the 7th Regimt ten thousand Dollars and also to Solomon Stympson, Basil Roberts, William Carter & Greenbury Gaither recruiting Officers for Montgomery County three thousand Dollars, each, to be expended in the recruiting service & Accd for.

That the Collector of the Tax for Charles County pay to Capt Joseph Marbury of the 3d Regt Ten thousand Dollars, also to William Layman, Thomas Dyson & James Fernandes recruiting Officers for said County three thousand Dollars each to be expended in the recruiting Service and Accounted for.

That the Collector of the Tax for Frederick County pay to Capt William Beatty of the 7 Regimt ten thousand Dollars also to Peter Castle, Basil Wood, Joseph Swearingan, Philip Barrack, Abraham Lancaster, Philip Meroney, Adam Good & Hart recruiting Officers for said County Three thousand Dollars each to be expended in the recruiting Service & Accounted for

That the Collector of the Tax for Baltimore County pay to Lt Samuel Farmer of the 3d Regt five thousand Dollars to be expended in the recruiting Service and Accounted for

That the said Collector of Baltimore County pay to Thomas Harwood Esqr Continental Treasurer, or order, one hundred and fifty thousand Dollars as part of the four Million six hundred & Eighty thousand Dollars appropriated to the use of Congress by the General Assembly of this State.

That the Collector of the Tax for Saint Marys County pay to Lieut Nichs Manger, James Thomas & John Armstrong Recruiting Officers for said County three thousand Dollars each to be expended in the recruiting Service & Accounted for.

That the Collector of the Tax for Washington County pay to Adam Ott Nicholas Swingly & Richard Davis Recruiting Officers for said County three thousand Dollars each to be expended in the recruiting Service & Accounted for.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt Jos. Marbury & Nicholas Manger of the 3d Regt Capt. William Beatty of the 7th Capt Henry C. Gaither & Lt Saml Hanson of the 1 Regt each, 14 yds Linen, thread suffi to make it up and 2 pair of Stockings in Part of the Allowance made by the Genl Assembly. Liber C B No. 23

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Present as on Yesterday—

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut Samuel Farmer of the 3d Regt Lieut Isaac Duvall of the same Regimt and Lieut Lloyd Beall of the 7 Regiment each 14 yds Linen, thread sufficient to make it up, 3 yds Linen for Lining and 2 pair Stockings in part of the Articles allowed by the General Assembly.

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt William Beatty of the 7th Regimt 5 hats, 9 pair Shoes, 15 pair Stockings, 8 shirts, 3 pair Overalls, 3 Jackets and Cloth and Trimmings sufficient for 1 Coat to be charged to the same Regiment.

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. Joseph Marbury of the 3d Regimt 6 pair Shoes, 6 hats, 2 Jackets, Linen sufficient for 12 Shirts, 2 pair Stockings and Cloth sufficient for 6 pair Overalls to be charged to the said Regiment.

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to Thomas Johnson junr 4 yds flannel two for Mrs Bull and the other two for Mrs. Johnson to be returned or paid for—

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Lieut Isaac Duvall of the 3d Regimt sixty three Pounds ꝑ acc. passed by the Depy Audr

That the said Treasurer pay to John Annis thirty Pounds p. account passed by the Depy. Audr.

[Council to Charles G. Griffith Esqr. Lieut. of Montgomery County] Liber C C No. 22 p. 53

Sir We are called upon by Colo Rawlings for a Guard immediately at Fort Frederick and he is directed, if he can, to procure one in Washington, if not, to call on you agreeable to our former Directions. We request you to have the Men in Readiness to march either for the Service immediately, or to relieve the Washington Guard, as you shall be called on by Colo Rawlings.

[Council to Col. Moses Rawlings.] p. 54

Sir The enclosed Letter to the Lieutenant of Washington, contains an Order for a Guard from that County, which we are induced to give from your Representation of the Necessity of having a Guard immediately and expect a ready Compliance. The Guard from Montgomery is still Subject to your Order when called for, which you

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will do, if rendered necessary by a Disappointment in your County which we hope, will not be the Case. The Lieutenant of that County must be called upon, at least, in Time to relieve the Guard from Washington.

[Council to Commissioners of ——— County]

Sir We have this Moment received Information from Col° Rawlings that this Board of War have acquainted him that the Prisoners ordered to Fort Frederick will be up in a Few Days. It gives us Concern that we are under the inevitable Necessity, at this inclement Season of the Year, of calling on the Militia of your County: but the Service requires it and their Conduct hitherto convinces us, that they have such a Sense of their Duty, that they will, with Alacrity encounter any Hardships to promote the common Interest. We desire you would immediately order a full Company of the Militia of your County, of the Classes which have not yet served, consisting of one Captain two Lieutenants one Ensign, four Sergeants, four Corporals and sixty eight Privates, to hold themselves in Readiness to march to Fort Frederick as soon as they shall receive Orders from Col° Rawlings, who is to command them; they are to continue on Duty for five Weeks or until relieved, as we intend they shall be, as speedily as possible by a like Company from You are to supply the Company with Arms and a reasonable Quantity of Ammunition.

[Council to Mr. John Dorsey]

[Shalloon was a closely woven woolen material, chiefly used for linings]

Sir, We are sorry we must trouble you to furnish the Officers whose Names are mentioned in the enclosed Paper, with the Cloth and Shalloon required by each. We request you would make a Memorandum of the Quantity and Kind delivered out and to whom

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Thursday 13 January 1780

Present as on Yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Thomas Grason thirty seven Pounds ten shillings for the use of Thomas Sands due him per Account passed by the Dep^y Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Allen Quynn seven hundred and five Pounds and also the further Sum of nine hundred and Eighty six Pounds, seventeen shillings and six Pence due him per Accounts passed by the Dep^y Aud^r

That the said Treasurer pay to Com° Thomas Grason five hundred Pounds on Acc^t

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. Henry Gaither of the 1st Regim^t 2 Shirts & 2 pair Shoes to be charged to said Regim^t

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. Lieut. Samuel Sadler of the Matrosses 3 yds Linen for Lining in part of the Allowance made by the Gen[l] Assembly Liber C B No. 23

That the Collector of the Tax for Prince Georges County pay to Richard Duckett jun[r] Two hundred Pounds to enable him to Carry into Execution the Act for the immediate supply of Flour and other Provisions for the Army to be Accounted for.

That the said Collector pay to Marsh M. Duvall, Richard Stonestreet & George Nailor jun[r] recruiting Officers, each three thousand Dollars to be expended in the recruiting Service and Accounted for.

That the Collector of the Tax for Queen Anns County pay to Isaac Scrivener, George Findley, Robert Teat and William Clark of Will[m] Recruiting Officers for said County each Three thousand Dollars to be expended in the Recruiting Service and Accounted for. p. 100

Ordered That the Collector of the Tax for Cecil County pay to Edward Evertson, James Caswell and John Concoa Recruiting Officers for said County three thousand Dollars each to be expended in the Recruiting Service and Accounted for.

That the Collector of the Tax for Calvert County pay to John Mitchell and George Ireland recruiting Officers, each three thousand Dollars to be expended in the recruiting Service and Accounted for.

That the Collector of the Tax for Talbot County pay to Thomas Hopkins and Levin Spedding Recruiting Officers each, three thousand Dollars to be expended in the Recruiting Service and Accounted for.

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Present as on Yesterday.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Stephen Steward 3½ yds Flannel to be returned or paid for.

That the Collector of the Tax for Kent County pay to Abraham Falconer and John Moore Recruiting Officers for said County three thousand Dollars each to be expended in the recruiting Service and Accounted for.

That the Collector of the Tax for Baltimore County pay to Joshua Cockey and Samuel Chester Recruiting Officers for said County three thousand Dollars each to be expended in the Recruiting Service and Accounted for.

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Present as on Yesterday.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to John Maugh a Private in Capt. Sadler's Comp[y] of Matrosses 1 pair of Shoes.

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That the western shore Treasurer pay to William Young three thousand nine hundred Pounds for 8 pieces of Green Cloth purchased of him by the Govr & Council for the use of the Army.

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[Council to Mr. John Randall]

Sir. We intend by the first favourable Opportunity to forward to our Delegates in Congress about fifty thousand Pounds to be delivered over to you in Order to supply our Officers and Soldiers with the several Articles allowed them by Law, except the Cloathing. As the Execution of this Business will probably call you to Philadelphia, we think you may be certain of receiving the Sum we have mentioned when you get into that City. It will be proper to inform us how far this Money will go in procuring the Articles wanted that we may keep you supplied.

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Monday 17 January 1780

Present as on Saturday.—

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Nicholas Harwood 2 Yards of Flannel to be returned or paid for.

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to Jacob Owens a Matross in the late Captain Gales Company now at Camp one pair of Shoes to be ch^{d} to said Com^{py}

That the Collector of the Tax for Frederick County pay to Thomas Harwood Esquire Continental Treasurer or order one hundred thousand Dollars as part of the four Million six hundred and Eighty thousand Dolars appropriated to the use of Congress by the General Assembly of this State.

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[Council to the Commissioners of Cecil County]

Gentlemen—We received your Letter of the 14th Ins^{t} and cannot forbear expressing our Surprize that our Letter of the 29th December had not then come to Hand, it was delivered to Mr Ward one of the Delegates for your County; we sent with it a Copy of the Act for the immediate Supply &^{ca} an Extract of General Washington's Letter and a Number of Certificates. You will receive with this, Copies of the Act and our former Letter and an Extract from General Washington's Letter. In Case of Disagreement between the Commissioners and the Person whose Property is seized, the Law points out the Mode to be pursued to ascertain the Price. It is our Opinion that Flour and Wheat purchased by the pretended or real French Agents is as Subject to Seizure as any other Flour or Wheat; because the Words of the Law are general and the Object of it is an immediate and full Supply for our distressed Army. After Seizure made of such Flour and Wheat, we advise you to take a particular Account of the

Quantity of each and of the Persons in whose Possession it is seized, in Order that we may fix with the utmost certainty the precise Quantity purchased under the Pretext of purchasing for the French. This will lead to a Detection of that Villany which we have the strongest Reason to Suspect and to which we think the present Distresses of our Army may in great Measure be imputed. We would not have the Flour, seized in the Hands of French Agents, transported, until you receive our Orders, unless you have Assurances from good Authority, that it is necessary for the Relief of the Army; for it is our Desire to avoid every-Thing that is offensive to the Minister of France or which may in any Manner counteract the Schemes or Plans concerted by him, to annoy our common Enemy, or which may be construed into a Disinclination in us to grant him the necessary Supplies. We do not esteem it necessary, at this Time, to add any Thing more to what is suggested in our circular Letter. Liber C C No. 22

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Present as on Yesterday.—

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Col° Uriah Forrest Three hundred and seventy six Pounds, five shillings and Eleven Pence half penny for the Use of Col° John Moale and his Battalion of Militia in Baltimore Town ꝑ Acc^ts^ Examined and passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Col° Uriah Forrest to be delivered over to Capt. Thomas Cromwell two thousand Dollars for the use of John Dean Maj^r^ of the 4th Reg^t^ and two thousand Dollars for the Use of Lieut Adam Hoops and two thousand Dollars for the Use of Ensign Isaac Hanson of the 4 Regim^t^ Agreeably to the Act of Assembly.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. John Chalmers a Recruiting Officer in Ann Arundel County three thousand Dollars to be expended in the Recruiting Service and Accounted.

That the said Treasurer pay to Serj. Enoch McLane one thousand Eight hundred Dollars to be expended in the Recruiting Service and Accounted for.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. George Hamilton of the 5th Regim^t^ two thousand Dollars to be expended in the Recruiting Service and Accounted for.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. John Courts Jones 12 Shirts, 12 pair shoes and 12 pair of Stockings for Genl Smallwoods Baggage Guard.

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. John Courts Jones of the 7 Maryl^d^ Regim^t^ 14 yds Linen, for Shirts, thread sufficient to make them up and 2 pair of Stockings & 3 yds Linen for

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Lining and also the like Articles for each of General Smallwood and Maj^{r} Stoddert, in part of the Articles allowed by the General Assembly.

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to Edward Edwards a private in the 1 Reg^{r}, 1 shirt and 1 pair Stockings, to be charged to the said Regiment—

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. George Hamilton of the 5 Reg. 3 yds Linen for Lining and 2 pair of Stockings in part of the Articles allowed by the Genl Assembly.

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to John McLane a Recruit in the 1st Regim^{t} Cloth and Trimings sufficient for 1 Coat, 1 Waistcoat, 1 p^{r} Breeches & 1 pair Overalls, 1 hat, 1 p^{r} Stockings 1 shirt, and 1 pair of Shoes and also to Benjamin Gray a Recruit 1 Blue Coat, Green Waistcoat, Breeches and Overalls, 1 Shirt, 1 hat, 1 p^{r} shoes and 1 pair Stockings, the Bounty allowed them by the General Assembly in the late Act for Recruiting the Quota of Troops in this State of the American Army.

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut Isaac Duvall of the 3^{d} Regim^{t} 3 yds Linen for Lining in part of the Articles allowed by the Genl Ass^{y}

That the Collector of the Tax for Cecil County pay to Capt George Hamilton of the 5th Regim^{t} ten thousand Dollars to be expended in the recruiting Service and Accounted for.

That the Collector of the Tax for Baltimore County pay to Peter Hann, William Towson, and Edmund Stansbury Recruiting Officers for said County three thousand Dollars each to be expended in the Recruiting Service and Accounted for.

That Capt. George Keeports deliver to Lieut Isaac Duvall of the 3^{d} Regim^{t} 1$\frac{3}{4}$ yds blue Cloth, 172 yds white D^{o} and 3 yds Shalloon of the Cloth lately purchased of John Dorsey &Co. taking an Account of the Quantity & kind and to whom delivered in part of the Article all^{d} by the Genl Assembly.

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[Council to Capt. George P. Keeports]

[Baize was formerly made of wool in finer and lighter texture and used for clothing] [Brittany was a woven fabric, usually of linen blended with cotton, made originally in Brittany]

Sir. We have purchased a considerable Quantity of Cloth ——— y^{ss} of Britanies and some Bolts of Baize of Mr John Dorsey, which we request you to take into your Possession likewise 56 Dozen Pair of yarn Stockings, bought of M^{r} McFadon. It gives us Concern to hear you have not been able to proceed to Camp with the Cloathing. This Service is essential for the Relief of our Quota of Troops, and we still hope you will be able to procure Waggons for that Purpose in the Manner we directed. If you should not, will it be possible to procure Waggons to go as far as the Head of Elk? we will write to Mr Hollingsworth to assist you on from thence. It will be necessary to take the Bolts of Baize with you, for Blanketing for the Soldiers: inform us of what you are able to do.

[Council to the Commissioners for Baltimore Town] Liber C C No. 22

Gentlemen We received your Letter of the 14th Instt and should have attended to it sooner, had not other Business of Consequence, that then lay before us, required our immediate Notice. We lament that in the Execution of the Act for the immediate Supply &ca the Utility of which is recognized by every Friend to his Country, you should be embarrassed with so many Difficulties. Little did we expect the Commissioners of Baltimore Town would have met with Opposition from any of its Inhabitants, in their Endeavours under the Act to procure Supplies for the Army, and less did we think any should be found so destitute of real Patriotism, as to bid Defiance to the supreme Authority of the State and the Officers appointed to execute the Law, that the Rest who have nobly distinguished themselves in the Cause of Freedom and indicated a sincere and inviolable Attachment to their Country and Love for the Army, would with a Criminal Indifference, stand by and suffer the Officers of the State to be insulted and the Act, made for the professed and laudable Purpose of relieving the Army, suspended by arbitrary Power. We cannot suppose that the Inhabitants of the Town, whose Courage and Magnanimity were never questioned with Impunity, were deterred from rendering their Aid to the Commissioners, by the impotent Threats of a Few Individuals, of repelling Force, by Force, nor can we think they possess so little Discernment as to allow themselves to be imposed on by the shallow Artifices mentioned in your Letter, that the Commissioners had no Authority to impress Waggons in the Country from whence it is inferred that they had no Power to seize Flour purchased for the French: this must be the Conclusion, or it could have no Relation to the Subject. That if the Flour was seized, the Inhabitants would perish! Were the Inhabitants to be supplied with that Flour? if they were, it was an Infringement of the Law and liable to be seized. Mr Smith cannot despise our Opinion more than we contemn his Conduct, which we esteem highly reprehensible, because it leads to Anarchy and Confusion and has a palpable Tendency to defeat or elude a Law founded on the most evident Necessity, the Execution of which the public Safety requires. On the most mature Consideration of the Business referred to us, we find no Reason to recede from our former Advice and Instruction and for your Satisfaction we will repeat so much as respects the present Subject. We think Flour and Wheat purchased for the French, liable to Seizure, and therefore would advise you to seize and secure such and to take a particular Account of the Quantity of each and the Person in whose Possession Seized. We are more particular because we are Solicitous to ascertain the Quantity of Flour and Wheat purchased in this State under the Pretext of acting as Agents for the French. We instruct you not to transport the Flour and Wheat purchased for the French, until you receive our further In-

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Liber C C No. 22 structions; because we would, as far as the public Good admits, avoid doing any Thing offensive to the Minister of France or which might counteract any Plans or Schemes concerted by him to annoy our common Enemy, or which might by the most forced Deductions be construed into a Disinclination in us, to furnish the French with the necessary Supplies. You are authorized by the Act to enter into any Granary; warehouse, Storehouse &ca where you Suspect any Flour or Wheat may be concealed or kept; this you are to do peaceably, if the Owner will permit you, but if you meet with Resistance you must call on the Justices, Sheriff, his Deputies, the Constables and all other the Inhabitants of your County, to assist you to carry the Law into a full and Speedy Execution. If they should refuse, which we cannot suppose, or in Case their Assistance should be insufficient, you must inform us, and we shall take proper Measures
p. 57 to strengthen your Hands and enable you to do your Duty. It rests on our Minds that the Minister of France has Licence to purchase Flour and Wheat in our State to the Amount of eight thousand Barrels but we cannot, at this Time, after the most deligent Search, lay our Hands on the Papers from which we should be able to give you precise Information

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Present as on Yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Benjamin Nicholson Esqr Judge of the Court of Admiralty one thousand one hundred and twenty five Pounds per Account passed and also six hundred and twenty five Pounds for 272 Months Salary to the 15th Instant.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Crisall three hundred Pounds on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Samuel Chase Esqr Ten thousand Pounds for the use of John Dorsey &Co on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Elie Vallette one thousand five hundred Pounds Bala of Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That Com° Grason deliver to Capt. Frazier two 4ł. Guns with their furniture at the request of Saml Chase Esqr who is to replace them in Baltimore Town.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to George Ledburn a recruit, a Blue Coat, green waistcoat Breeches and overalls, 1 Shirt, 1 hat, 1 pr Shoes and 1 pair Stockings the Bounty allowed by the late Act of Assembly—

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt Richard Dorsey of Artillery 3 yds Linen for Lining and two pair of Stockings for himself and also 3 yds Linen and 2 pr Stockings for Lieut

Nicholas Ricketts of his Comp^{y} in part of the Articles allowed by the Genl Assembly. Liber C B No. 23

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to John McLane a Recruit in the 1 Reg^{t} and Benjamin Gray of the same Reg^{r} one Blanket each.

That Capt. George Keeports deliver to Capt. Richard Dorsey of Artillery 3¼ yds Cloth and 3 yds Shalloon and also the same Articles for Lieut Nicholas Ricketts, in part of the Articles allowed by the Act of Assembly.—

Whereas by the Act for the more effectual preventing forestalling & engrossing and for other purposes therein mentioned passed at a Session of Assembly begun and held at the City of Annapolis on the eighth day of November 1779 the Governor and Council are authorized and requested to lay out and divide the several Counties of this State into eight Districts. In pursuance whereof it is hereby ordered that the several Counties in this State be divided and laid out into eight districts in the following manner to wit—Harford and Baltimore the first, Washington and Frederick the second, Montgomery and Prince Georges the third, Ann Arundel and Calvert the fourth, Charles and Saint Marys the fifth, Kent, Cecil and Queen Anns the sixth, Caroline, Talbot and Dorchester the seventh, Somerset and Worcester the Eighth District.

[Council to Capt. George P. Keeports] Liber C C No. 22 p. 58

Sir We have Nothing farther to add to what we wrote you yesterday. The Charges of conveying the Cloathing are left to your Discretion. We have this Day purchased of Mr John Dorsey 4 p^{s} more of Baize, which we would have kept to be delivered out for Blanketing to the Recruits likewise about 200 Pair of Stockings. We shall be glad to know who will have the Charge of the Cloathing left in your Absence. We desire you would measure one of the Pieces of Baize and inform us how many Yards it contains and what Number of Blankets it will make, doubled

[Council to Richard Dallam Esqr]

Sir This Day we received your Favor of the 15th Ins^{t} You must pursue the Directions of the Law in all Things that relate to the Trust reposed in you. When you Seize Flour or Wheat, if you and the Owner disagree as to the Price, you must call in a third Person not interested immediately or remotely to ascertain it. When the Price is fixed, you must give a Certificate in the Manner the Law prescribes; you have no Power to pay Money. If the Person refuses the Certificate, you must take an Account of the Quantity seized and in whose Possession and make a Memorandum of the Tender of the

Liber C C No. 22 Certificate and Refusal. We are of Opinion from the Information we have received, if the Commissioners in the Several Counties execute the Law, we shall detect a great Deal of Villany and find out the Source from whence the Calamitous and distressing Situation of our Army took its Rise

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Thursday 20 January 1780

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to James Brice Esqr $\frac{3}{4}$ yds Flannel to be returned in kind or paid for—

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Friday 21 January 1780

Present as on Yesterday.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Levin Hays a 9 M^{o} Sold in the 7 Reg^{r} Disch^{d} Twenty nine Pounds ten shillings in Cloathing due him by Act of Assembly &c^{a}

p. 103 Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Serj^{t} John Neary and John Gates of the 1 Reg^{t} 1 p^{r} overalls for each and 1 Jacket for Neary.

January 22

Saturday 22. January 1780

Present as on Yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to William Turnbull three thousand six hundred Dollars to be delivered over to Capt. William Dent Beall of the 6th Regim^{t} to be by him expended in the Recruiting Service and Accounted for.

That the said Treasurer pay to Brigadier General William Smallwood four hundred Dollars allowed by a Resolve of the Genl Assembly passed Oct Session 1778 and two thousand Dollars for himself and two thousand Dollars for the use of Lieut Col^{o} Peter Adams of the 7th Reg^{r} and also two thousand Dollars for the use of Lieut William Truman Stoddert of the 5th Reg^{t} allowed them by an Act of the General Assembly relating to the Officers &c^{a}

That the said Treasurer pay to Ens. Samuel Hamilton three thousand Dollars to be expended in the recruiting Service and Accounted for.

That the said Treasurer pay to Serjeants David Green, Robert Yeates, Thomas Jenkins and Robert Green one thousand eight hundred Dollars each to be expended in the recruiting Service and Accounted for.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Francis Thompson and James Clarke Recruits for the 1st Regiment each, 1 coat, 1 Waistcoat

1 pair of Breeches 1 p^{r} Overalls, 1 Shirt, 1 Hat 1 pair Shoes and 1 pair Stockings, the Bounty allowed them by the late Act of Assembly. Liber C B No. 23

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to Patrick Noland, 1 p^{r} Shoes, 1 pair Stockings and 1 Shirt, Thomas Hawson 1 p^{r} Overalls 1 p^{r} Shoes and 1 p^{r} Stockings, William Holmes, 1 p^{r} Overalls, 1 pr. Shoes 1 p^{r} Stockings, 1 Coat, 1 vest and 1 Shirt & John Shaw 1 p^{r} Shoes, 1 p^{r} Stockings & 1 Shirt, in part of the Cloathing due them from the Continent—

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to Serj. McCray of the 6 Regim^{t} 1 p^{r} shoes, Cloth for a Waistcoat & Breeches and 1 shirt due him from the Continent—

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to General Smallwood 5 Oz^{s} thread, 10 yds flannel 1 p^{r} Brittanies for Maj. Stoddert

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut Charles Bivan of the 6 Reg^{r} 14 yds Linen for shirts, thread suff^{t} to make them up and two pair of Stockings and also the Like Articles for Ens Samuel Hamilton of the same Regim^{t} in part of the Article All^{d} them by the General Assembly.

That the said Commissary of stores deliver to Benjamin Gray a Recruit in the 1st Reg. 1 shirt, 1 p^{r} shoes, 1 pair stockings.

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to Robert Green 1 shirt Cloth for a pair of Breeches & 1 pair of Stockings, David Green, 1 shirt, Cloth for a pair of Breeches, 1 pair Stockings & 1 pair shoes, Thomas Jenkins 1 shirt, Cloth for a Jacket and pair of Breeches and 1 pair Stockings and also to Robert Yeates one shirt, Cloth for a Jacket and pair of Breeches and one pair of Stockings due them from the Continent.

[Council to The Commissioners for Baltimore Town] Liber C C No. 22 p. 58

Gentlemen. We have a Number of Continental Troops here and are much distressed for Flour for them. We shall therefore be obliged to you to send by Mr Bullen's Waggon, four or five Barrels

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Present as on Saturday—

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to William Lynch Evan Bicknall and Aquila Deaver of the 3^{d} Regim^{t} 1 p^{r} Overalls each due them from the Continent—

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. John Smith of the 6th Regiment 3 yds Linen for Lining and 2 pair Stockings in part of the Articles allowed by G. Ass^{y}

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to Serj^{t} Noyes of 1 Regiment 1 Coat, 1 Waistcoat, 1 pair of Breeches & pair of Stockings due him from the Continent.

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That the western shore Treasurer pay to Commodore Thomas Grason six hundred and fifty eight Pounds fifteen shillings to be accounted for.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. John Smith of the 6 Regim^{t} three thousand Dollars to be expended in the recruiting Service and Accounted for.

That the Collector of the Tax for Frederick County pay to the said Capt. John Smith of the sixth Regim^{t} Ten thousand Dollars to be expended in the Recruiting Service & acc^{d} for

That Capt. George Keeports deliver to the said Capt John Smith $1\frac{3}{4}$ yds blue Cloth $1\frac{1}{2}$ yds white D^{o} and 3 yds shalloon in part of the Articles allowed &c^{a}

Abraham Parkerson of the late Capt Gales Company of Matrosses, having procured Thomas Paine an able bodied man to enlist in his room is hereby Discharged.

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[Council to His Excellency The Chevalier De la Luzerne Ministr. Plenipo.]

Sir. We had the Honor of receiving your Excellency's Letter of the 10th Ins^{t} with a Copy of a Letter from Mr Holker, and your Memorial to Congress. It is so remote from the Inclination of this Board to obstruct any Measures concerted by our noble Ally, or to counteract the Operations of your Fleets and Squadrons, that we esteem it our indispensable Duty, to contribute all in our Power to their Success and, be assured our Wishes coincide with our Duty in this, as well as every other Instance in which the Interest of our Ally is concerned. To decide on the Propriety of the Law and our Conduct, consequent thereon, it will be necessary to take a comprehensive View of every Thing that relates to this Subject. Application was made to this State, by the Agent for the Marine of France, for Permission to purchase Flour and to export it for the use of the French Marine which was chearfully complied with and a Clause inserted in the Act passed in Iuly 1779 to prohibit for a limited Time, the Exportation of Wheat, Flour &^{ca} enabling the Governor and Council to grant Licence on the Requisition of the Minister Plenipotentiary of his most Christian Majesty or the Agent of the Marine of France to transport any of the Commodities mentioned therein from this State to any Part or Place out of the same: In pursuance whereof the Governor and Council did give Permission to the French Agent to buy up a certain and limited Quantity of Flour and Wheat, some of which has been exported under Licence from us. The General Assembly during their last Sessions, received Information, that various and great Abuses had been committed under the Permission aforesaid, by the Persons employed by the Agent of France and others pretending to act as such, to the great Detriment of the United

States, and being solicitous to restrain or defeat the pernicious Effect of such Conduct enacted that all Purchases of Wheat or Flour made above the Quantity allowed should be deemed made for the Use of the United States. The Representation of his Excellency General Washington of the alarming Situation of the United States Army received just before the Close of the Session, demonstrated the Necessity of making the most vigorous Efforts to procure an immediate and full Supply of Flour and induced them to make the Law from whence it is apprehended such Mischiefs will result to our Ally. Your Excellency must be sensible the Distress which occasioned the above Representation was real, not fictitious; and we flatter ourselves, you will concur with us in Opinion that the using every Means in the Power of the State to obtain an immediate and full Supply of Provisions for our distressed Army is highly conducive to the reciprocal Advantage of united America and her Ally, and could alone avert a Calamity replete with Evils too numerous to be recapitulated, and of such Magnitude as cannot but be discerned. The General Assembly could not hesitate about the Expediency, indeed Necessity of employing their utmost Exertions to afford Relief, and the Information communicated to them, that the French Agents had purchased Wheat and Flour in this State, far exceeding the Quantity permitted, rendered it the more necessary to make the Law general; for the Exception of Wheat and Flour purchased by the Agents of France might have frustrated the Law, by exempting that Surplus or Excess of Quantity from Seizure: another Good, we expect will result from the Generality of the Law and a strict Execution of it; this State will be enabled to ascertain with Precision, the Surplus Wheat and Flour, and detect the Persons to whose collusive Practices, the Distresses of the Army, may be in some Measure, if not wholly attributed. We are well convinced that the primary and grand Object of the Legislature was, to procure a full Supply for the Army, with the utmost Expedition, and that every Thing else was to be subservient to it, and we trust such Conduct must correspond with the Feelings of your Excellency and meet with your Approbation though it may interfere with your Plans of Operation; because it is better the Marine of France should submit to a temporary Disappointment, than that we should hazard the Disbanding of the Army of the United States, by procrastinating the Supplies. We have instructed the Commissioners to observe the Directions of the Law and to seize all the Wheat and Flour purchased by the French Agent and to take a particular Account of it, and have directed them not to transport or send forward such Wheat and Flour until they receive further Instructions. As soon as we have Assurances from Congress or his Excellency General Washington, that the Army has a full Supply of Provisions, we shall order the Commissioners to restore such a Part of the Wheat and Flour purchased by the French Agents, as will make up the Quantity he was allowed to buy: until then, we

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have no Authority to dispense with the Law, or suspend the Operation of it, in any other Manner than that we have mentioned. We hope the Enumeration of these Facts, and the Reasons and Observations suggested by us will be deemed satisfactory and induce your Excellency to think with us, that nothing incompatible with the combined Interest of France and America has been done or intended to be done by the General Assembly or the Executive of this State, No Inconvenience hath, as yet, arisen from the Law; the Navigation of the Bay and Rivers having been, ever since, obstructed by the Ice, and will, most probably continue so far some Time, in the mean Time we most ardently desire to have the Pleasure to inform your Excellency, we have received such Assurances as will enable us to comply with your Request.

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Tuesday 25 January 1780.

Present as on Yesterday—

Thomas Slaughter a Matross in the late Capt. Gale's Company having procured Charles Davis an able bodied man to enlist in his room is hereby Discharged.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Serj^{t} John Morris and Joseph Crouch of the 3^{d} Regim^{t} 1 shirt and pair of Overalls each due them from the Continent

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to Jesse Grace and Lawrence Hindle of Genl Smallwoods Guard Cloth sufficient for a pair of Overalls each to be ch^{d} to Continent

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut James Jno Skinner of the 7 Regim^{t} 3 yds Linen for Lining and 2 pair of Stockings in part of the Articles allowed &c^{a}

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Allen Quynn Esquire two hundred and twenty five Pounds, six hundred and ten Pounds, and also the further sum of six hundred and seventy five Pounds, seventeen shillings and six Pence due him ꝑ acc^{ts} passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Uriah Forrest three thousand six hundred and seventy five Pounds due him as Aud. Genl to the 31 Decr inclusive.

That Capt. George Keeports deliver to Lieut James John Skinner of the 7 Regim^{t} 1¾ yds. blue Cloth 1½ yds mixed D^{o} and 3 yds shalloon in part of the Articles allowed by the General Assembly.

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Wednesday 26 January 1780

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Alex^{r} M^{c}fadon six thousand & forty eight Pounds for 48 Doz p^{r} Stock^{gs} sold the state ꝑ Agreement with the Governor & Co

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Jeremiah Swain five thousand five hundred Pounds to be delivered over to Capt. George Keeports on Account. Liber C B No. 23 p. 105

That the said Treasurer pay to John Wilmot fifty thousand Pounds to be by him delivered over to Capt. George Keeports to be by him delivered over to the following—John Randall thirty thousand Pounds to be expended by him in Rum &c[a] for the Officers and Soldiers of the Maryland Line agreeable to the Act relating to the Officers & Soldiers of this State in the American Army and for other Purposes therein mentioned—ten thousand Pounds to General Gist and the other ten thousand Pounds to Col[o] Gunby of the 7 Regiment to be expended in the Recruiting Service and Accounted for.

That Capt. Keeports deliver to Elijah Evans of the late Col[o] Rawlings Regim[t] 13¼ yds blue Cloth, 1½ yds white and 3 yds shalloon in part of the Articles allowed by the Gen[l] Assembly.

The following Persons are hereby recommended to the Board of War for Commissions to wit Lieut Col[o] Adams to the 1st and Lieut Col[o] Woolford to the 5th Regim[t]

Henry Baldwin Ens. to the 3[d] Regim[t] John Tolson Lowe, Caleb Mason, John Sears & Jacob Crawford Ensigns in 2[d] Regim[t] David Luckett, John Nelson, William Noyes, Francis Shepherd, Mark M[c]Pherson, Richard Coe, John Trueman, Henry Clements, Robert Halkerston, Walter Dyer, William Reason, John Cheers, David Green, Robert Green, Thomas Jenkins, Benjamin Fickle Robert Yeates, James Thompson, William Smoot, John Smith, and Theophilus Tabbs, Ensigns in the first Maryland Brigade and also Jacob Rittenhouse Shoemaker Ens. in the second Maryland Brigade.

[Council to General Gist] Liber C C No. 22 p. 59

Sir Your Favor of the 29th Dec[r] came to Hand. We have sent you £10.000 by M[r] Keeports to enable you to reenlist the Men, whose Times will shortly expire. The Bounty, in Money allowed by this State, exclusive of the Continental is 250 Dollars to each Recruit, and we suppose, the sum sent will be sufficient for the present; if it should not, be pleased to inform us, what you apprehend will be adequate to that Purpose, and we shall take Care to have it forwarded by the earliest Opportunity. We are about appointing Serjeants to be commissioned, recommended from the first Brigade. If you have any in your Brigade, that you can recommend and would wish to be commissioned, please to inform us, that we may appoint them. Enclosed is the recruiting Act passed the last Session

[Council to Colo. John Gunby.]

Sir We have sent you £10,000 by M[r] Keeports to enable you to reenlist the Men whose Times will shortly expire. The Bounty in

Liber C C No. 22 Money, allowed by this State, exclusive of the Continental, is 250 Dollars to each Recruit, and, we suppose the sum sent will be sufficient for the present; if it should not be pleased to inform us, what you apprehend will be adequate to that Purpose and we shall take Care to have it forwarded, by the earliest Opportunity. Enclosed is the recruiting Act, passed the last Session. The Sergeants recommended by you, in your Letter to Col° Forrest, are appointed according to the Recommendation.

[Council to Mr. John Randall]

Sir Mr Keeports sets off Tomorrow from Baltimore Town, with some Cloathing for the Army: he has £30.000 for you, Part of the £50.000, which we hope will enable you to answer all immediate Demands. We should have sent the whole by this Opportunity; but our Treasury is almost exhausted, and it is all we can, now spare; we expect to have it in our Power to furnish you with more, in a
p. 60 short Time. We have requested Mr Keeports, if he should not meet with you in Philadelphia, to lodge the Money with one of our Delegates in Congress, to whom you must apply, in such Case. All our Endeavours to procure a sufficient Quantity of Cloth, suitable for Regimental Uniforms have proved ineffectual, some of the Officers down here on the Recruiting Service have taken the mixed Colours which has induced us to send them to Camp

[Council to Hon'ble The Board of War]

Gentlemen Brigadier General Smallwood some Time past, wrote us " Should there be any Vacancies still in our Line, I must beg Leave to recommend Ensigns David Luckett, and John Nelson, they received their Appointments in Col° Gist's being one of the 16 additional Regiments, on the 4th of July last; they were originally of Col° Grason's Regiment, raised in Maryland & have been out ever since the Spring 1777. In their own Corps, they were without Interest or Friends to recommend them: but on account of their Merit and good Conduct, were promoted; I know them to be qualified and young Men of Merit, therefore if consistent with the Views of the State, should be glad they could be commissioned." We approve of, and appoint them to Ensigncies in the first Brigade of Maryland Troops and desire Commissions may issue. He also writes us: " As our Line will want many Officers, I would beg Leave to recommend Mr. Henry Baldwin, he has served upwards of two Years, during which Time he has ever acted under an Expectation of a Commission, which was promised him by Colos Gist and Ramsay, but could not be obtained, before the Rank of our Line was setled." We observe by the Returns made us, that he ranks as Ensign, in the 3d Maryland Regiment, but cannot find any Appointment, by this Board; if he is not commissioned, we desire he may be an Ensign in the

3d Maryland Regiment. He also writes " I have enclosed you a List of such Sergeants and others of the first Brigade, who have been recommended for Commissions, by their Field Officers and Captains. I believe their Services and Merit entitle them to such Reward, where it can be granted consistent with the Views of the State. Perhaps it might be well to avoid fixing their relative Rank, as that might be determined by a Board of the Field Officers, agreeable to their Merit and Pretensions " Here follows the List William Noyes Sergt Major, Francis Shepherd, Mark McPherson, Richard Coe, of the first: John Trueman, Henry Clements, Robert Halkerston, Walter Dyer, of the 3rd William Reason, John Cheers of the 5th David Green, Sergt Major, Robert Green, Thomas Jenkins, Benjamin Fickle, Robert Yeates of the 7th James Thompson and William Smoot of the first and John Smith of the 3d Regiment. We appoint them to Ensigncies in the first Brigade and desire Commissions may issue, leaving the Rank to be setled hereafter. He also writes " I must beg Leave to recommend Theophilus Tabbs, a Brother of Surgeon Tabbs of the 7th Maryland Regiment, lately resigned, he is descended of a good Family and tis probable he will make a good Officer. He is a Stranger to me, & I have no particular Recommendation of him; his Brother has applied on his Behalf " We appoint him an Ensign in the first Brigade and desire a Commission may issue to him. Colo Josias Carvil Hall writes " I have no Sergeant, at this Time to recommend, except the one I had the Honor to propose, by my Letter of Iuly last; as I have not heard whether or not he was approved of, I beg to mention Sergeant Jacob Rittenhouse Shoemaker again We cannot find any such Letter, nor do we remember receiving one from him, recommending the Sergeant. We approve of and appoint him an Ensign in the second Maryland Brigade and desire a Commission may issue. We ratify and confirm the Promotions of Lieut Colos Adams and Woolford, Lieut Colo Adams to the first and Lieut Colo Woolford to the fifth Regimt Lieut Colo Thomas Woolford writes I cannot, without Injustice to Sergeants Lowe, Mason, Sears and Crawford, who have served under me in the second Maryland Regiment for these three Years past, during which Time their Merit and Services entitle them to every Mark of Gratitude and Favor from their Country which possibly can be shewn them. As there are Vacancies in the Regiment, will be happy in having them commissioned as Ensigns. I can assure your Excellency that I would by no means recommend them, had I not been an Eye witness of their Behaviour and past Services." We approve of the Preferments and desire Commissions may issue to John Tolson Lowe, Caleb Mason, John Sears and Jacob Crawford as Ensigns in the second Regiment of Maryland Troops, leaving the Rank to be setled hereafter as before mentioned.

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[Council to Capt. George P. Keeports]

Sir—We received yours of the 25th Inst by Express and have sent you five Thousand five hundred Pounds by Ieremiah Swain. We shall send up a considerable Sum Tomorrow for Mr Randall, which you must wait for and have delivered to him. You must take up the Cloths we bought of Dorsey and Hammond, which are like the Samples enclosed, with a sufficient Quantity of Shalloon for Linings and the 40 Pieces of Britanies bought of Mr Dorsey. You must retain as many of the Men as you think necessary to guard the Stores and discharge the rest.

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You will receive by Mr Wilmot £30.000 for Mr Randall, £10,000 for Genl Gist and £10.000 for Colo Gunby, which you must take Care to have delivered to each of them. We have requested Mr Randall to meet you at Philadelphia and it will be proper for you to make Enquiry for him. In Case Mr Randall should not be in Philadelphia, you will deliver the Money to the Delegates from Maryland in Congress.

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Thursday 27 January 1780

Present as on Yesterday—

John Woodfield of the late Capt Gales Compy having for upwards of 2 years past been almost constantly in the Hospital, appearing before this Board is adjudged unfit for the Service and is therefore Discharged.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Robert Reynolds ninty six Pounds fifteen shillings due him per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

January 28

Friday 28 January 1780

Present as on Yesterday—

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Serjt James Collins of the 2d Maryland Regt 1 Coat, 1 Vest, 1 pair Breeches, 1 Hat, 1 Shirt & pair of Stockings due him from the United States.

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That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to John Woodfield late a Soldier in the Matross Compy stationed at Annapolis 2 Shirts due him from the State.

John Martin a Matross in the Compy late Capt. Gale's appearing to this Board to be unfit for Service is hereby Discharged.

January 29

Saturday 29 January 1780

Present as on Yesterday—

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Francis Fairbrother of the first Regiment one pair of Shoes, one pair of Stockings and one Shirt due to him from the Continent—

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Serj^{t} Lindiff of the 4 Regiment six thousand Dollars to be expended in the Recruiting Service & Accounted for, he having Capt Lansdale's Letter of the 28 Inst. requesting such an Advance. Liber C B No. 23

That the said Treasurer pay to John Chalmers Two thousand Dollars to be by him expended in the Recruiting Service and Accounted for.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Com^{o} Grason for the following of the Galley Chester, John Norris 1 pair Shoes, John Hawser 1 shirt & 1 pair stockings, John Ford 1 shirt, 1 p^{r} shoes & 1 p^{r} Trousers, Richard Grahame 1 shirt and 1 p^{r} shoes and Samuel Gardiner 1 pair shoes.

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to Gifford Minitre a Recruit & Germain Poulain a suit of Cloaths each, the Bounty allowed by the late Act of Ass^{y}

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Isaac Harris Eight hundred and sixty nine Pounds seven shillings & six Pence due him ꝑ acc. passed by the Aud. Genl

John Lamb a Private in the late Capt Gales Comp^{y} of Matrosses appearing to this Board to be unfit for Service is hereby Discharged.

Pardon granted to John Collins alias Chapman, condemned at the General Court for Horse stealing.

[Council to Solomon Stympson Esqr.] Liber C C No. 22 p. 61

Sir Your Letter of the 15th Inst. this Moment came to Hand. We send you Certificates agreeably to your Request. As to the Price of the Corn on Islands in Potowmack, the only Method of fixing the Price is to call in a third Person to estimate it, in Case of Disagreement between you and the Proprietors. Having the Interest of the Public in View, you, doubtless will remove the Grain to the Main, in the way least dangerous and expensive Removing your Purchases and Seizures to Frederick Town may be attended with Inconveniencies we wish to avoid; therefore refer you to the Law under which you act and which must be the Rule of your Conduct.

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Present as on Saturday—

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Raphael Winset of the 2 Regim^{t} 1 p^{r} Stockings 1 hat and Cloth in lieu of 1 Blanket and also to John Tolson Lowe of 2 Reg^{t} 1 Coat, 2 waistcoats and Cloth in lieu of 2 Blankets, to William Powel of the same Reg^{t} 1 Coat, 1 p^{r} Stockings & Cloth in lieu of a Blanket, & to Martin French of the same Regim^{t} 1 Coat, 1 Vest, 1 hat & Cloth in lieu of a Blanket

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That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt Henry Gaither of the 1st Reg[t] 3 yds Linen for Lining in part of the Articles all[d] by the Gen[l] Assembly.

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to James Jones late a 9 M° Soldier in the 7 Regim[t] Discharged the amount of Twenty five Pounds ten shillings in Cloathing due him by Act of Assembly to procure Troops for the American Army.

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to Joseph Galloway of the 2[d] Reg[t] 1 Coat, 1 Vest, 1 p[r] Breeches, 1 p[r] Stockings & 2 Hats due him from the Continent ꝑ Cert[a] of Capt L. Wills

That the Collector of the Tax for Somerset County pay to Lieut James Ewing of the 2[d] Reg[t] five thousand Dollars to be expended in the Recruiting Service & Accounted for

That the Collector of the Tax for Talbot County pay to the said Lieut Jas. Ewing five thousand Dollars to be expended in the Recruiting Service & Accounted for.

p. 107 Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Lieut James Ewing of the 2[d] Regim[t] Three thousand Dollars to be expended in the Recruiting Service and Accounted for.

That the Eastern shore Treasurer pay to Thomas Harwood Esquire Continental Treasurer or order five hundred thousand Dollars as part of the four Million six hundred and Eighty thousand Dollars appropriated to the use of Congress by the Gen[l] Assembly of this State.

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Present as on Yesterday.

Ordered that the Issuing Commissary deliver to Nath[l] Henry & three others late Prisoners at Savannah in Georgia & now Exchanged 5 Days Provisions each.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt Beriah Maybury one hundred and Eighty one Pounds ten shillings due him per Account passed by the Dep[y] Aud[r]

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Serj[t] Ijams late of the 2[d] Regim[t] Cloth for 1 Coat, 1 Waistcoat and p[r] of Breeches and Linen for 4 shirts to be ch[d] to the Continent

That the western shore Treasurer pay to John Bullen Esq[r] four thousand two hundred and forty three Pounds, one shilling and three

Pence and also the further sum of Eight hundred and forty five Pounds, six shillings and three Pence due him per acc^{ts} passed by the Aud. Genl Liber C B No. 23

Silvanus Smith a Matross in the late Capt. Gales Comp^{y} appearing before and being adjudged incapable of Service is hereby Discharged therefrom.

In virtue of the Act to empower the Governor & Council to sell the Public Property therein mentioned, John Johnson Surgeon, John Bullen & Beriah Maybury Quarter Masters, are hereby Discharged.

Wednesday 2nd February 1780 February 2

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered That Capt George Keeports deliver to Lieut George Jacob of the 6th Reg^{t} 3¼ yds Cloth and 3 yds Shalloon in part of the Articles all^{d} by the Genl Assembly

That the Collector of the Tax for Prince Georges County pay to Lieut George Jacob of the 6th Reg^{t} two thousand Dollars to be expended in the recruiting Service & accounted for.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Thomas Johnson jun^{r} four hundred & sixteen Pounds, thirteen shillings & four Pence due him for 1 M^{o} Salary as cl. to the Governor & Council to the 1st Instant.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Wilmot one hundred Pounds due him per Account passed by the Aud. General.

That the said Treasurer pay to Aquila Paca Esquire fifteen thousand Pounds to be delivered over to Richard Dallam Esqr & by him expended in the Purchase of Provisions and Accounted for.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Phelter Souther a Recruit Green Cloth for a Coat waistcoat, Breeches & Overalls, 1 Shirt, 1 hat, 1 p^{r} Shoes & 1 p^{r} Stockings in ful for the Bounty allowed by the late Act of Assembly.

That the Commissary of [Supplies] Issues to John Lane who was taken Prisoner by the British & on his way to his own State 5 Days provisions.

[Council to Adam Jamison, Wm Pendergast, Samuel Edmiston & John McCoy, Staff Officers.] Liber C C No. 22 p. 62

Gentlemen We received your Letter, without a Date, after the Assembly adjourned. As the General Assembly have not included you, in the Act allowing Gratuities to the Officers and Soldiers belonging to this State it is not in our Power to make you such a Compensation as your Services may entitle you to. We will lay your Letter before the Assembly in March, who, we presume, will pay a proper Attention to the Observations Suggested therein, and do what

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is just and equitable. On the 2d October last William Pendergast was appointed Ensign in the 5th Maryland Regiment consequently he is entitled

[Council to Charles Thompson Esqr]

Sir We have to acknowledge the Receipt of your Favors of the 20th Novr and 17th Decr with the Proceedings and an Act of Congress of the 16th March 1778 The Acts &ca therein requested to be transmitted, shall be forwarded as soon as they can conveniently be collected

[Council to Colo. Josias Carvil Hall]

Sir Your Favor of the 19th Decr came lately to Hand. Two Thousand Dollars due to Ensign Isaac Hanson, have been paid to Mr Cromwell agreeably to his Order, We are informed that the late Governor and his Council, were not acquainted with this Gentleman's Pretensions, otherwise this Gratuity would have been paid upon the first Application. Iacob Rittenhouse Shoemaker we have recommended to the Board of War for an Ensigncy at your Request

[Council to the Delegates from Maryland in Congress]

Gentlemen We received your Favors of the 29th Decr and 5th Jany last, since the General Assembly adjourned. The Gratuity allowed by the Act passed in July Session 1779, is expressly confined to the Commissioned and Staff Officers and Soldiers belonging to the seven Regiments of Maryland Troops. It would give us infinite Pleasure, if we had Authority to extend it to the Officers and Men belonging to this State, attached to Major Lee's Corps. Our wish that those Men whose Merit and distinguished Bravery equally entitle them to the Attention and Benevolence of the State with others, should be as comfortably supplied, seconded by our Desire to remove every Cause of Jealousy and Disgust, which the Opinion that an unwarrantable Preference has been shewn, may have created will induce this Board to lay your Letters and the Papers accompanying them, before the Assembly in March, who, we trust, will do equal Justice to all, by comprehending those valuable Men within the Limits of their Generosity

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Present as on Yesterday—

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to James Brice Esquire seven hundred Pounds for his Attendance in Council 35 Days Inclusive

That the said Treasurer pay to Robert Reith one hundred and twenty five Pounds for 1 mo. Salary as Messenger to the Governor & Council to the 1st Instant.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. David Lynn of the 7th Regt 3 yds Linen for Lining in part of the Articles allowed by the Genl Assembly. Liber C B No. 23

Commission issued to Joseph Baxter reappointed Sheriff of Balto. County.

By his Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esquire Governor of Maryland

A Proclamation

Whereas the house of Senate stands adjourned to the twenty ninth Day of March next and the house of Delegates to the first Day of the same Month and Affairs of Importance requiring the Consideration of the General Assembly as soon as well may be I have thought proper, that the General Assembly of this State should meet on the second Day of March next, and do therefore In virtue of the Power with which I am invested by the Constitution and Form of Government hereby appoint the said second Day of March for the Meeting and holding the General Assembly, of which the several Sheriffs of this State are hereby enjoined to give Public and Due notice.

Given at Annapolis this third day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty. Tho. Sim Lee

By his Excellency's Command T. Johnson Junr Secy

God save the State.

Leave is hereby given to Mrs Achsah Chamier widow of Daniel Chamier Esquire deceased to ship from New York on board an unarmed Vessel and therein to Transport to Hampton Road in Virginia the Household furniture, wearing apparel & other Goods mentioned in a List Lodged with this Board, she having satisfied the Governor & Council as to the Property of the same, and having also given Bond in the penalty of £200000 not to dispose of the same in the way of Trade or Merchandize.

[Council to Sam'l Gilpin, Esqr, one of the Comm'rs for Cecil County] Liber C C No. 22 p. 63

Sir We received yours of the 31st Janry and refer you to our last Letter. We are sensible of the pernicious Tendency of Mr Ewings Conduct and think it merits the Censure of every good Whig and Friend to the Army and we make no Doubt but a strict Adherence to the Law and vigorous Exertion of the Powers communicated to you thereby, will enable you to defeat the sinister Views and selfish schemes of Persons whose Interest will prompt them to throw Obstacles in your way, because their Profits are diminished in Proportion to the Quantity of Flour and Wheat collected by you. The Continental Purchasers and French Agents have no Right to act after the first Inst without taking a particular Oath and receiving a Licence

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from us. You must seize all the Flour and Wheat purchased by the French Agents and others pretending to act as such. You must Seize all the Flour and Wheat in the Possession of the Continental Purchasers and others, in the Manner the Law directs and send it forward. As to the Flour purchased for the French, you must pursue our former Instructions. We have delivered blank Certificates to Mr Cole which are to be filled up, according to the Circumstances of the Case, and signed and countersigned as the Law directs.

[Council to His Excellency General Washington]

Sir We have given Permission to Mrs Chamier, Widow of Danl Chamier Esqr deceased, to bring her Household Furniture, Wearing Apparel and other Goods mentioned in a List annexed thereto, from New York to Hampton Road, in Virginia. We are induced from Motives of Compassion and the generous Conduct of her late Husband, to many of our Prisoners, to grant her Leave, and to solicit your Excellency's Interposition to obtain her the desired Indulgence, if you esteem it consistent with Propriety.

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Friday 4 February 1780.

Present as on Yesterday.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to William Logan three hundred Pounds due him per Account passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Stephen Steward Esqr nine thousand seven hundred and Eleven Pounds due him per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Nathan Peak a Recruit Cloth for a Coat, Waistcoat, Breeches & Overalls, 1 hat, 1 shirt, 1 pr shoes & 1 pr Stockings the Bounty alld by the Genl Assembly also to George Ledburn, of the 1 Regr 1 pr of Shoes and to John Martindale of the same Regt 1 pair of Stockings due them from the Continent

That the said Comy of stores deliver to Colo Moses Rawlings 3 yds Linen for Lining &c.

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Ordered That Capt. George Keeports deliver to Capt. Henry Gaither of the 1st Regimt Baise sufficient for 12 Blanketts.

That Capt. Keeports deliver to Colo Moses Rawlings late of the Rifle Regimt 3¼ yds Cloth and 3 yds shalloon in part of the Articles allowed by the Genl Assembly.

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[Council to The Commissioners for Baltimore Town]

Gent. We received your Letters and shall write to you fully on the several Matters referred to us, by the next Opportunity. You must

furnish Mr Donnellan, the Assistant Issuing Commissary, with Flour sufficient to support the Continental Troops in Baltimore Town, from Time to Time, and keep an Account of what you deliver to him. You must get as many Copies of the enclosed Certificates printed, as will answer your Purpose, to pay the Rent of Warehouses, Hire of Waggons &^ca &^ca You will send the Flour we wrote for, as soon as possible Liber C C No. 22

[Council to Chas Greenbury Griffith Esqr. Lieut of Montgomery County.] p. 63

Sir We are informed by Col^o Rawlings, that the Company you ordered to Fort Frederick, as a Guard to Prisoners, marched as far as Frederick Town on their way, where he met them, and having Reason to believe that the Prisoners would not arrive at Fort Frederick, during the Term of their Service, he permitted them to return, with Orders to hold themselves in Readiness to march on the shortest p. 64 Notice. The Col^o has Reason to believe his Orders were complied with and, as the Term has expired for which they were to serve, we think their Tour of Duty performed. You are therefore requested to order the next Class in Rotation, to consist of the same Number of commissioned and non commissioned Officers and Privates as heretofore ordered.

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Present as on Yesterday—

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Robert Reynolds seventy eight Pounds fifteen shillings due him per account passed by the Dep^y Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Samuel Chase Esquire forty thousand Pounds to be delivered over to John Dorsey & Comp^y on Account.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to William Roberts a Soldier in the 1st Regim^t 1 pair of shoes & 1 p^r Overalls to be charged to the Continent

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to Ens. Thomas Boyd son of Abraham 3 yds Linen for Lining in part of the Articles allowed by the Genl Assembly—

That Capt. George Keeports deliver to Col^o Uriah Forrest Baise suff^t for 30 Blankets.

That Capt. Keeports deliver to Ens. Thomas Boyd son of Abrm̄ of the 2^d Regr 3¼ yds Cloth & 3 yds shalloon in part of the Articles allowed by the Genl Assembly

That the Collector of the Tax for Prince Georges County pay to the said Ens. Thomas Boyd son of Abm. of the 2^d Reg^r Two thou-

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sand Dollars to be expended in the recruiting Service and Accounted for.

Leave is hereby given to Thomas Jenings Esqr to bring from New York a Trunk containing wearing Apparel &c^{a} as per List Lodged with this Board; he having satisfied this Board that they are his Property & not intended for Sale.

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[Council to Col. Isaac Perkins, Kent]

Sir Your Letter of the 29th Ultimo came, this Moment, to Hand. We have enclosed you an Order on the Collector of Kent County for £3000 to enable you, with the greater Facility to execute the Law for procuring immediate Supplies for the Army. Your Discretion will point out to you the particular Cases, in which it may be necessary and proper to pay Cash and we trust you will not do it in any other. It is most clearly the Opinion of this Board that the Grain and Flour purchased by the French Agents, are liable to Seizure but we have desired that a particular Account be taken of such Grain and Flour and that it may not be sent to Camp until further Orders from this Board.

[Council to Messrs. Saml. & Robt. Purviance]

Gentlemen—It is not in our Power to furnish you with the Provision requested in yours of Yesterday. We apprehend, on your Application to the Naval Officer, he will grant you a Permit to Ship the Articles you mention

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Monday 7 February 1780.

Present as on Saturday except Jerem^{a} Townley Chase Esqr

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to William Harriss, John Mantle Henry Mattingly and Henry Hager Recruits, each 1 Coat, 1 Waistcoat 1 p^{r} Breeches, 1 p^{r} Overalls 1 Shirt, 1 Hat, 1 p^{r} Shoes and 1 p^{r} Stockings the Bounty allowed them by Act of Assembly.

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. Mich^{l} Boyer of the German Regim^{t} 3 yds Linen for Lining and 2 p^{r} Stockings in part of the Articles all^{d} by G. Assembly.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Col^{o} Uriah Forrest four thousand pounds to be delivered over to Richard Dallam on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Beatty two thousand Dollars to be delivered over to Capt. William Beatty of the 7 Maryland Regim^{t} to be by him expended in the Recruiting Service and Accounted for.

That the said Treasurer pay to Elie Vallette six hundred and Twenty five Pounds due him for 1 months Salary ꝑ acc^{t} passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Snowden three hundred and seventy eight Pounds seventeen shillings and six Pence due him per Acc^{t} passed by the Aud. Genl Liber C B No. 23

By Col^{o} Ludowick Welterners Return of the German Regiment the non Commissioned Officers and Privates are of his Company 13 Capt. Christ^{r} Myers 18, Capt. Charles Baltzels 25 Capt. Michael Boyer 24, in all 80 a £20 is £1600..—.. p. 110

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. Michael Boyer one thousand six hundred Pounds to be delivered over to Capt Peter Boyer Paymaster of the German Regim^{t} to be delivered over according to the Act relating to the Officers and Soldiers of this State in the American Army and other Purposes therein mentioned to the non commissioned Officers and Privates of the Maryland Part of the said Regiment.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Brice Esqr six hundred and Twenty Pounds due him to the 31 of January Inclusive.

That the Collector of the Tax for Frederick County pay to Capt William Beatty of the 7 Maryland Regim^{t} Ten thousand Dollars to be by him expended in the recruit^{g} Service & Acc^{d} for

That Capt. George P. Keeports deliver to Capt Michael Boyer of the German Reg^{t} 3¼ yds Cloth, and 3 yds Shalloon in part of the Articles all^{d} by the Genl Ass^{y}

[Council to Capt. Geo. P. Keeports] Liber C C No. 22

Sir We desire you will send by the first good Opportunity, to Mr Faw, in Frederick, Cloth sufficient for 60 Suits, the Overalls to be of the Green and the rest out of the brown Cloth. Let us have an Invoice of the Goods agreeable to our former Directions p. 64

[Council to Mr. Abraham Faw]

Sir We have directed the Commissary of Stores at Baltimore Town to send you Cloth sufficient for 60 Suits. You will deliver to each Recruit a Coat Waistcoat, a pair of Overalls, a Shirt, a Hat, a Pair of Shoes and a Pair of Stockings, taking his Receipt for the same

[Council to Capt. William Beatty] p. 65

Sir We have drawn an Order on the Treasury in Favor of Mr Thomas Beatty for the 2000 Dollars advanced you, which you are to account for, and have enclosed and Order on him for 10.000 Dollars to be expended in the Recruiting Service. We shall direct the Commissary of Stores at Baltimore Town to send forward to Mr Faw by the first Opportunity, Cloth sufficient for the Recruits

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Tuesday 8th February 1780.

Present as on Yesterday—

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt Michael Boyer Eighteen Pounds fifteen shillings to be delivered over to Nicholas Link, four hundred & seventy Pounds ten shillings & four Pounds ten shillings for the use of Thomas Beatty seventy five Pounds for David Levy, sixty seven Pounds ten shillings for George Bear Eighteen Pounds, fifteen shillings for Nichs Kline, Thirty seven Pounds for James Dod, Thirty seven Pounds ten shillings for John Smith, Thirty seven Pounds ten shillings for Henry Clemans, Thirty seven Pounds, ten shillings for Edward Stone Thirty seven Pounds ten shillings for Jacob Hough, Thirty seven Pounds ten shillings for George Beall, Thirty seven Pounds ten shillings for John Cray, Thirty seven Pounds, ten shillings for Timothy Swain, Thirty seven Pounds, ten Shillings for Charles Secrest and four hundred and one Pounds, Eleven Shillings & nine Pence for John Baltzer due them per Account passed by the Depy Audr

February 9

Wednesday 9th February 1780.

Present as on Yesterday.

Ordered That Capt. George Keeports deliver to William Noyes lately recommended to an Ensigncy in the 1st Maryland Brigade 3¼ yds Cloth and 3 yds Shalloon in part of the Articles alld by the General Assembly.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to the said William Noyes 3 yds Linen for Lining in part of the Articles &ca

That the western shore Treasurer pay to John Crisall fifteen hundred Pounds on Acct

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[Council to Capt Geo P. Keeports.]

Sir—We learn that you did not take all the Hats with you to Camp; if that be the Case, you'll send 20 or 30 by Ensign William Noyes to be by him delivered to the Commissary of Stores at this Place

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Thursday 10th February 1780

Present as yesterday

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to John Shaw two thousand seven hundred & thirty five Pounds Balance of Account passed by the Aud. Genl

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Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to York Waters a negroe in the 2d Regimt Cloth sufficient for a pr of Breeches.

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to George Devonish a Recruit for the 7 Regimt a Suit of Cloaths the Bounty allowed by the late Act of Assembly.

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to Thomas Beall Capt. Command[t] of the Maryland part of the Regiment late Rawling's 108 Shirts and Oznabrigs suff[t] to make a Bag to hold them to be charged to that part of the said Regim[t] Liber C B No. 23

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to the said Capt Thomas Beall 3 yds Linen for Lining & 2 p[r] Stockings for himself and also 3 yds Linen and 2 p[r] Stockings for each of Capt. Adamson Tannehill, Ens. Nath[l] Beall Magruder and Adjutant Josias Tannehill of the same Corps in part of the Articles allowed by the Gen[l] Assembly.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Clement Beall four thousand Dollars to be by him delivered over to Capt. William Dent Beall of the 6th Regim[t] to be expended in the Recruiting Service and Accounted for.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. John Ijams one of the recruiting Officers for Ann Arundel County, one thousand three hundred and fifty Dollars to be by him expended the recruiting Service and Accounted for.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Thomas Beall five thousand Pounds to be expended in the Purchase of Stores for the Use of the Officers and Privates of the 3 Companies in the Regim[t] lately commanded by Col[o] Moses Rawlings agreeable to the Act relating to the Officers & Soldiers of this State in the American Army and other Purposes therein mentioned the said three Companies being on a Detached Service at Fort Pitt—

That the Collector of the Tax for Montgomery County pay to Ens. Nathaniel Beall Magruder of the Maryland part of the Regim[t] lately commanded by Col[o] Rawlings three thousand Dollars to be by him expended in the Recruiting Service & Accounted for.

That Capt. Geo. Keeports deliver to Thomas Beall Capt. Command[t] of the late Rawlings Regim[t] 3¼ yds Cloth, & 3 yds Shalloon for himself and the same Quantity of each for Capt. Adamson Tannehill, Ens. Nath[l] Beall Magruder and Adjutant Josias Tannehill of the same Regim[t] in part of the Articles allowed by the General Assembly.

By a Return made by Thomas Beall Capt. Command[t] of the Maryland part of the Regim[t] lately commanded by Col[o] Moses Rawlings it appears that there are now in the Service of the United States of the Maryland part of the said Regim[t] 4 Serjeants and 50 Privates who were in the Service before May 1779 and therefore entitled to the Sum of £20 each agreeable to the Act relating to the Officers and Soldiers of this State in the American Army and other purposes therein mentioned 4 Serjeants & 50 Privats @ 20£ each £1080..—..—

Liber C B No. 23 Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Thomas Beall Capt. Command[t] of the Maryland part of the Regiment late Rawling's one thousand and Eighty Pounds to be delivered over to Captain Adamson Tannehill Paymaster to the Regiment to be by him delivered over according to the above mentioned Act, to the non Commissioned Officers & Privates of the Maryland Part of the said Regiment.

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Friday 11th February 1780

Present as on Yesterday—

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Thomas Beall Capt. Command[t] of the late Rawling's Regim[t] Brittanies for 8 Shirts, 2 for himself and 2 to be delivered to each of the Officers of the same Regim[t] viz. Capt. Adamson Tannehill, Ens. Nath[l] Beall Magruder and Adjut. Josias Tannehill, in part of the Articles &c[a]

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to George Gordon a Recruit a Suit of Cloaths the Bounty allowed by the Gen[l] Assembly.

That Capt. George Keeports deliver to Capt. Thomas Beall 4 p[s] of Brittanies of that lately purchased of Jon[a] Hudson Esquire.

That John Strawbridge Collector for Cecil County pay to Thomas Harwood Esquire Continental Treasurer or Order fifty thousand Dollars as part of the four Million six hundred and Eighty thousand Dollars appropriated to the Use of Congress by the General Assembly of this State.

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Saturday 12th February 1780

Present as on Yesterday.

Commissions issued to Samuel Harvey Howard appointed Capt. John Davidson 1st Lieut. John Muir 2 Lieut & John Johnson 3[d] Lieut of the Independent Comp[y] in the City of Annapolis.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esq[r] six thousand two hundred and fifty Pounds for 3 Months Allowance as Governor to this Day.

That the said Treasurer pay to Allen Quynn Esq[r] one hundred Pounds and four hundred & Eighty Pounds due him ꝑ Acc[ts] passed by the Dep[y] Aud.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to William Bassford of the 1 Reg[t] 1 shirt, 1 p[r] Shoes & 1 p[r] Stockings to be charged to the said Regim[t]

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to Patrick Carvery green Cloth suff[t] for 10 Suits of Cloaths and Overalls 10 p[r] Stockings and 10 p[r] Shoes to be delivered over to Lieut. Nich[s] Manger of the 3[d] Reg[t] for the Recruits enlisted by him to be charged to him till he produces Receipts for the Delivery of them.

That the Collector of the Tax for Saint Mary's County pay to Lieut. Nich[s] Manger of the 3[d] Regim[t] three thousand Dollars to be expended in the Recruit[g] Service and Accounted for. Liber C B No. 23

Pardon granted to Anne Lathby alias Leatherby condemned in Queen Anns County in 1776 for the Murder of her Bastard Child.

[Council to Lieut Nicholas Manger] Liber C C No. 22 p. 65

Sir We have sent by M[r] Patrick Carvery, Cloth sufficient for ten suits of Cloaths and Overalls ten Shirts, ten Pair of Stockings and ten Pair of Shoes; we had no Cloaths ready made or we should have sent them. We have directed the Commissary of Stores to charge you with the Cloathing, 'til you produce Receipts for the Delivery of them to the Recruits. Enclosed you have an Order on the Collector of the Tax for St. Mary's County for 3000 Dollars. We should be obliged to the purchasing Commissary for St. Mary's County to supply your Recruits with Rations, but we have no Power to direct him, as it is out of the Line of his Duty

[Council to Messrs. Joseph Gilpin and Elijah Cole]

Gentlemen Col° Ewing having applied for a Licence to act as agreeable to the late Act. We have in Consequence of the Information received from you of his Conduct, thought it proper not to grant it; but as that Gentleman denies the most material Charges against him, we request you to transmit us the fullest Information under Oath, on this Subject and as speedily as possible, least the public Service should suffer

[Committee to Jonathan Hudson, Esqr.]

Sir On the Recommendation of the Governor, we have agreed to take one hundred Pieces of the best Britanies you have, over and above the two hundred he purchased of you and we beg you will have them carefully packed up in Bales, ready to deliver to our Order. The Act of Assembly does not allow Hats to our Officers and yours are too good for common Soldiers. A full Supply of Stockings are already procured for present Use; although we believe yours are good, and that you may be induced to sell them reasonably, yet our Finances are too low to admit of an Advance that is not warranted by Necessity. The Cloths we decline taking for the same Reason.

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Present as on Saturday. J. Townly Chase Esq[r] Att[d]

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to William Goldsmith three hundred and sixty three Pounds due him per Account passed by the Aud. General.

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Wednesday 16th February 1780

Present as on Yesterday—

Ordered That Capt. George Keeports deliver to Capt. Alex Lawson Smith of the Maryland Part of the Regimt late Rawlings's 3¼ yds Cloth 3 yds Shalloon and 1 ps Brittanies of the first Quality in part of the Articles allowed by the Genl Assembly.

That the said Capt. Keeports deliver to Ensigns David Green and Robert Green of the first Brigade 3¼ yds Cloth, 3 yds Shalloon & 1 ps Brittanies of the third Quality each in part of the Articles allowed by the General Assembly.

That the Collector of the Tax for Harford County pay to Capt Alex Lawson Smith of the late Rawlings's Regimt three thousand Dollars to be expended in the Recruiting Service and Accounted for.

That the Collector of the Tax for Baltimore County pay to John McClellan Richard Lemmon and Isaac Griest Commissioners for Baltimore Town Five thousand Pounds to enable them to carry into Execution the Act for the immediate Supply of Flour and other Provisions for the Army to be accounted for.

That the Collector of the Tax for Montgomery County pay to Ens David Green of the 7 Regimt one thousand Eight hundred Dollars to be expendd in the recruitg Service & Accd for

Jonathan Hudson Esqr is requested to deliver 300 pieces of Brittanies purchased of him by this Board to Capt George Keeports or in his Absence to Mr William Banks

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. Alexander Lawson Smith of the late Rawlings's Regimt 3 yds Linen for Lining and 2 pair of Stockings in part of the Articles allowed by the General Assembly.

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to David Green and Robert Green of the first Brigade 3 yds Linen for Lining and 2 pr Stockings each in part of the Articles &ca

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to Patrick Murphy, Charles Thompson, William Snow, Pharoah Flinn, James Bayless, Robert Hutson, James Wood, John Lawrence James Welden, William Joyce, Andrew Marwood, William Johnston & Philip Ijams Recruits for the 4th Regimt Leonard Hagan, John Neighbour & William Hempston Recruits for the 7 Regiment, each, 1 Coat, 1 Waistcoat 1 pr Breeches 1 pr Overalls, 1 shirt, 1 Hat, 1 pr Shoes and one pair of Stockings the Bounty allowed them by the late Act of Assembly and also to Thomas Keef of the 7th Regiment 1 pair of Shoes.

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to Serjt John Smith of the 2d Regiment Cloth sufficient for 1 Jacket and pair of Breeches.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Serjt John Lindiff six thousand Dollars to be by him expended in the Recruiting Service & Accounted for.

That the said Treasurer pay to James O'Harra one hundred Pounds allowed to him by this Board from the 16th August 1779 to this Instant by Virtue of a Resolve of the General Assembly passed the 7 of August 1779. Liber C B No. 23

[Council to The Commissioners for Baltimore Town] Liber C C No. 22 p. 66

Gentlemen—We have not had Leisure, before now, to attend to the Several Matters mentioned in the Letters received from you. We cannot advise you to assume a Power of pressing Waggons in the adjacent Counties. It will be proper to have the Wheat taken from the French Agent, ground up and to take an Account of the Quantity of Flour produced by it and the Expence incurred in manufacturing it. Enclosed you have an Order on the Collector of the Tax for Baltimore County for five Thousand Pounds, which, we hope, will fully answer your Purposes.

[Council to Thomas Sollers Esqr. Naval Officer Baltimore]

Sir. We request you to furnish us, by the first Opportunity, with a particular Account of the Bread Flour and Wheat exported by Mr William Smith Agent for the Marine of France and by Colo Samuel Smith, Agent for the Virginia Board of War, since the first Day of April last

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Present as on Yesterday—

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores Deliver to Patrick Breemaghme of the 4th Regimt 1 pair of Shoes and 1 Shirt.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Joshua Burgess two thousand Dollars to be Delivered over to Vachel Burgess late an Ensign in the 1 Maryland Regimt allowed by the General Assembly in 1779 in leiu of the Articles for that year. p. 114

That the said Treasurer pay to Como Thomas Grason Eight hundred and forty Pounds on Account.

That the Collector of the Tax for Kent County pay to Thomas Harwood Esqr Continental Treasurer or Order, three hundred thousand Dollars as part of the four million six hundred and Eighty thousand Dollars appropriated to the use of Congress by the Genl Assy of this State.

To be sold in the City of Annapolis at Public Vendue Pursuant to the "Act to empower the Governor and the Council to sell the Public Property therein mentioned," on Wednesday the 15th March next. Three Gallies with their Tackle, Apparel and Furniture, a considerable Quantity of Naval and Military Stores. some crude Salt Petre. Horses, Waggons, Harness and Geers, and the Interest of the State

Liber C B No. 23 in the Tan yard in the City of Annapolis. Inventories of the Particulars will be Lodged at George Mann's Tavern in Annapolis, and at the Merchants Coffee House in Baltimore Town by the first Day of March.

Liber C C No. 22 p. 66 [Council to The Delegates from Maryland in Congress.]

Gentlemen—We are informed that the Congress resolved, some Time in November last, that the Officers in the American Army should be furnished with sundry Articles of Cloathing, as a Gratuity for their Services, and that the species were enumerated. That Resolve has not yet been transmitted to us. We request the Favor of you to procure and forward it, and at the same Time, beg Leave to apply through you, to Congress, for Permission to supply the Officers of the Maryland Line, provided we may be allowed to draw from the Continental Treasury of this State, to reimburse the Money that may be expended in the Purchase of them

[Council to Monsr. Holker]

Sir We shall embrace the next Opportunity of answering your Letters of the 28th of Ianry and 9th of Febry and in the mean Time remain with due Consideration &ca

[Council to His Excellency The Chevr De la Luzerne.]

Sir It is with deep Concern we find that the Measures adopted by this State to obtain an immediate Supply to relieve the extreme Distresses of the Continental Army have occasioned such Uneasiness to your Excellency and created even the Semblance of a Doubt of our firm Attachment to the Alliance. We think with you that it is the incumbent Duty of this State to exert themselves in the same Degree for the Preservation of the Fleets of France as the American Army, and can, with Confidence assure you that if your Fleets had p. 67 been in the same Distress, Steps equally vigorous and efficacious, would have been used to extricate them. We are exceedingly hurt that you should esteem the Seizure of the Flour allowed to be purchased for our Ally a Violation of our Engagement when the pressing Wants of the Army urged the General Assembly to it and when too, we informed your Excy that it would not be used, if those Wants could be otherwise relieved; but that it should be restored to Mr Smith and Permission given for the Exportation of it, as soon as Congress or his Excellency Gen[l] Washington assured us that the Distresses of the Army ceased to be alarming. It gives us Pain to repeat the Information we communicated in our last, that our Power is so circumscribed and limited, that we cannot, without committing a manifest Infringement of our Constitution and acting inconsistent with the Trust delegated to us, suspend the Law, until we have Assurances from Congress or General Washington, that the Army is

supplied. The Recommendation of Congress to restore the Flour, has been received; but that cannot give us Authority to do it; because, at the same Time, we were informed by them that the Wants of the Army were pressing and require immediate Relief. No Inconveniencies have, as yet, we apprehend, have arisen from the Seizure and as the Obstruction to the Navigation still remains, we flatter ourselves it will be in our Power to obviate any; to that End, as well as with a View of removing every Cause of Uneasiness or Disgust, we have called a Meeting of the General Assembly the second Day of March next in Order to Submit to their Consideration your Excellency's Letters and the whole Proceedings of the Commissioners and we have no Doubt but that the Result of their Deliberations will be highly satisfactory to your Excellency. We cannot refrain from expressing our Disapprobation of the Conduct of Mr Smith, in resisting the Officers appointed to carry the Law into Execution. Whatever his Sentiments might be respecting the Propriety of it, we think, an Attempt in any Individual to trample on the Authority of the state and to frustrate its Acts, ought not to escape without Reproff. It is not in our Power at this Time to point out any Species of Misconduct in Mr Smith, or others employed under him in the Purchase of Flour and Wheat, but as soon as we make any Discovery of male Practices, we shall impart them that your Excellency may take proper Precautions to prevent a Repetition

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[Council to The Delegates from Maryland in Congress.]

Gentlemen In the Execution of the Law to procure an immediate Supply &^ca we have been embarrassed, but nothing has given us more Uneasiness than the Idea that the Conduct of our State, in seizing the French Flour, may, possibly be imputed to some Motive different from that of relieving the alarming Distresses of the Army, which has rendered us the more desirous that you should converse with the Minister of France and explain the Whole of this Business. We would have him convinced of our firm Attachment to the Alliance, our Desire to promote the Interest of France and facilitate the Operation of their Fleets and Armies, and to supply them with the Means of Subsistence, and that Nothing but the most urgent and pressing Necessity could have constrained us to subject the French Flour to Seizure; that we wish to have, from Congress, or the General, that the Army is supplied, on which Event, we shall not hesitate to order Restitution of the Flour and Wheat, lawfully purchased. We request you to explain the Nature of our Power, that we act in a Subordinate Capacity and cannot make, repeal or suspend the Execution of any Law. The Minister informs us that he has imparted to Mr Plater, some fatal Consequences which will result from our not restoring the Flour besides the Inconveniences suggested to us; we cannot conjecture what they are. We have not yet been furnished with Re-

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Liber C C No. 22 turns from all the Commissioners of the several Counties, of the Flour and Wheat obtained under the Law, but from those received, the Quantity does not exceed 8000 Barrels, exclusive of the Flour purchased for the French. It would give us infinite Pleasure to be favoured with a Communication of the several Matters of Importance agitated in Congress which relate to this State.

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Saturday 19 February 1780.

Present as on Thursday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Samuel Chase Esqr Twenty five thousand Pounds for the use of John Dorsey & Comp^{y} on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Alexander W. Davy four thousand seven hundred and ninty six Pounds to be delivered over to Capt. Geo. P. Keeports on account for the Purchase of Cloathing.

That Captain Geo. Keeports deliver to Capt. Samuel Sadler of the Comp^{y} of Matrosses lately commanded by Capt. Gale 1 p^{s} Brittanies of the 2^{d} Quality in part of the Articles allowed by the General Assembly.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to the said Capt. Samuel Sadler 2 pair Stockings in part of the Articles &c^{a}

The Commission of David Poe from James Calhoun Esquire Dep^{y} Quarter Master Genl of the 8th April 1778 being produced to this Board, Licence is hereby granted according to the Act of Assembly in such Case lately made and Provided to the said David Poe to Act as an Assistant Dep^{y} Q Mast^{r} Genl of the Army of the United States for Baltimore County he having previously taken the Oath prescribed by the said Act.

Edward Wright heretofore Licenced by this Board, having applied and previously taken the Oath required by the Act of Assembly in such Case lately made & Provided is hereby Licenced to Act as an Ass^{t} D. For Mast. Genl within the sixth District of this State and also Henry Hollingsworth Esqr heretofore Licenced by the Govr &C^{o} having this Day produced the Same to this Board and also Lodged a Cert^{a} of his having taken the Oath prescribed by the Act
p. 115 for the more effectual preventing forestalling and engrossing and for other Purposes therein ment^{d} Licence is hereby granted to him the said Henry Hollingsworth Esqr to Act as Dep^{y} Quarter Master General in this State.

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[Council to Colo. Isaac Perkins, Kent]

Sir We received yours of the 12th Ins^{t} As to the Line of Conduct to be observed by you, with Respect to the Flour and Wheat purchased for the French, and the other Matters submitted to our Con-

sideration; we refer you to our Letter of the fifth, a Copy of which is enclosed. We think the Certificates given by the Commissioners, are discountable out of the Assessments that the Sheriffs are now collecting, or any future Assessment at the Option of the Bearer of the Certificate. We have sent you an Order on the Collector of your County for the further Sum of £3000. Liber C C No. 22

[Council to Colo. Henry Hollingsworth.]

Sir Sundry of your Letters have been received by this Board, which we have hitherto wanted Time and Opportunity to answer. Agreeable to your Request on the 30th of Decr an Order was drawn upon the late Collector of Cecil County in Favor of Mr Harwood the Continental Treasurer for £93750 Subject to your Order as a Part of the sum granted to Charles Pettit by Warrant from Congress. In Answer to your second Letter, of same Date, we have to observe that no Charges have been exhibited against you for Misconduct The Letters and Certificate which you enclosed were returned through Mr Harwood, as we were pressed in Point of Time and he had Occasion to write you. Yours of the 15th of January, gives us a high Sense of your Attachment to the Interest of America and your unremitting Exertions to discharge the important Duties of your Office: your Measures are prudential and very pleasing to us. It certainly would be most adviseable to remove the Flour from the interior Parts of the Country first, as there will be a Chance of having Water Carriage for what lays on Rivers and the Bay before the whole is sent off. The Attention you mention in your Letter of the 26th of Jany to have given to the Flour then lying at Susquehanna, was very necessary and may be a Means of preserving much that, otherwise, would be exposed; the expensive Manner of forwarding it will most certainly be avoided, as soon as we are informed that the Army is well supplied. Your Returns of the Quantity of Flour sent forward, are received. The Conduct of the Commissary, in ordering the Wheat to be carried to Mills out of the direct Route to Camp, is very extraordinary, nor is that of the French Agents p. 69
more easily to be accounted for. As to Certificates for Money lent to the Continent, that Business is solely with the Commissioner and as we are not inclined to multiply ours, which we are sorry to find considerably encreasing every Day; therefore refer you to him suggesting at the same Time, that the Law under which you were appointed to receive Loans expired the last Session. We had heard of several valuable Officers refusing to qualify under a Law of the last Session and we had Apprehensions of losing you; but the Receipt of yours of the 31st Ultimo, gave us Relief and Pleasure. By your Letter of the 8th Inst you are somewhat perplexed by the Dispute between the State Commissioners and the Commissary. We have determined finally on this Point, of which these Commissioners are

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fully informed. We approve fully of the Steps you have taken to detect Frauds and Impositions in purchasing of Flour and trust you will continue to act with your wonted Circumspection; such Abuses ought to be corrected and discouraged. We shall not fail to take the necessary Measures to strengthen and cooperate with you in a work so laudable and Salutary as preventing such Practices in future. Your Complaints of the Order of Flour sent you, are repeated in yours of the 13th Inst where it is necessary, we wish you to have it repacked and in every Instance, it may not be amiss to weigh it. It surely is the proper Province of the Commissioners to see that Justice is done the Public in the Weight as well as the Quantity of the Flour and the Inattention of those of Baltimore and Harford, on whom we greatly relied, surprizes us. Mr Wright is licenced according to the Law of the last Session, and your Request, for the sixth District. In Answer to yours of the 15th Inst we inform you, that your Licence is granted and enclosed. Your Motives for continuing in your Department and not buying Provisions, by which a Competition would be created with the Commissioners, are truly praiseworthy. An Extension of your Care and Attention, to Baltimore Town, would not be amiss, as the only acting Person in that District is in an inferior Station, and may require your Advice and Aid. The Contract made by Mr Wright with the Gent of Virginia, we think advantageous to the Public, and as our Interposition would be rather out of our Line, advise you to request Genl Green to apply to the Government of Virginia to permit an Exportation of the Grain purchased. Mr Wright has the Order on the late Collector of Cecil for the Money you require

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Monday 21 February 1780

Present as on Saturday.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Jeremiah Townly Chase Esqr nine hundred Pounds for his Attendance in Council to this Instant.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Logan one hundred and fourteen Pounds due him per Account passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Samuel Chase Esquire Ten thousand Pounds for the use of John Dorsey & Compy on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Hyde four hundred and sixteen Pounds, thirteen shillings and four Pence for one Months Salary as Asst Cl. to the Governor and Council ending the 1st Instant.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut. Jno Jeremiah Jacob of the 6th Regimt 2 pair of Stockings and 3 yds Linen for Lining in part of the Articles allowed &ca

That Capt. George Keeports deliver to the said Lieut. John Jere Jacob of the 6th Regimt 3¼ yds Cloth 3 yds Shalloon & 1 piece of Brittanies of the second Quality in part of the Articles allowed by the General Assembly. Liber C B No. 23

[Council to Mr. Holker] Liber C C No. 22 p. 69

Sir Having received and answered some Letters from His Excellency the Chevr De la Luzerne on the same Subject with yours of the 28th ultº & 9th Instt we have less Occasion to be particular in our Answer to yours of those Dates. they shall be laid before the General Assembly, which is to meet the 2d of next Month. In the mean Time we request you to inform us on what Foundation you ground your Expectation of having, from this State, 12000 Barrels of Flour. We have looked over the Papers on this Subject and find, in a Letter from a Committee of Congress, July 13th 1779, that we are desired to let Mr Smith have 5000 Barrels of Flour on your Account, and p. 70 Orders were given accordingly. The following is an Extract from Mr Gerrard's Letter 21st Augt 1779 "Permit me in availing myself of this Regulation to entreat your Excellency's Permission for exporting, in the Month of November next, about 5 or 6000 Barrels of Flour and about 5 or 600 Barrels of Salt Provisions." We refer you to your Letter of the 26th August 1779 wherein you inform us that you had authorized Mr Smith in Baltimore to purchase with all Speed 4000 Barrels of Flour to be shipped for Martinico, in Addition to 2000 Barrels Part of those he had in Store, which were furnished by Orders of the Committee of Congress. Since the Receipt of that Letter, we cannot find among our Papers, any from you, until yours of the 28th ultº came to Hand. Every Motive combines to induce us most earnestly to wish for certain Information of the Army's being supplied that we may not only have it in our Power to grant permits to the Vessels which are to sail under Convoy of the Fendant, but that all the Flour legally purchased under your Directions may be applied to the Purpose for which it was first intended.

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Present as on Yesterday.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Charles Scott of the 1st Regimt 1 pr shoes to be charged to the said Regimt

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut Elijah Evans of the Regimt lately Rawlings's 2 pr Stockings and 3 yds Linen for Lining in part of the Arts &ca

That Capt. George Keeports deliver to the said Lieut Elijah Evans 1 piece of Brittanies of the third Quality in part of the Artles &ca

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That the western shore Treasurer pay to Charles Wallace four hundred and twenty seven Pounds, seventeen shillings and five Pence and also the further Sum of one hundred and seventy nine Pounds, five shillings and six Pence due him ꝑ Acc^ts^ passed by the Dep^y^ Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Samuel Hepburn Esqr Three thousand Pounds to be delivered over to Jonathan Hudson Esqr in part of the Sum of £30241 due him for Linens Purchased of him by the Governor & Council for the Use of the Officers in the Maryland Line.

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[Gov. Lee to ———]

Sir Messrs Rogers Hepburn and Leeke have represented to the Council and myself and we believe very truly, that the Flour which you lately seized in Patuxent River, in Virtue of the Law for the immediate Supply of the Army, was purchased in Baltimore for the Consumption of their several Families. That, at present they are entirely without, and that ten or eleven Barrels, which is the Quantity you have taken, is not more than three Families can consume in four Months. Under such Circumstances, the Council join me in requesting you to restore to those Gentlemen, the whole of their Flour, apprehending this Case is not within either the Spirit or Letter of the Law. You have a Power to impress Vessels to transport the Articles you Seize, to the Head of Elk and the other Places mentioned in the Law, and we think it will conduce more to the Interest of the State to keep the Corn on Board the Vessel and send it away in her, than to land it

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Wednesday 23^d^ February 1780

Present as on Yesterday—

Pardon granted to Thomas Taylor Condemned in Washington County Court for Horse Stealing on Condition that he forthwith enlist himself into some one of the Regiments of the Quota of this State in the Continental Army and that he do not desert therefrom.

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[Council to William Merrit, late of Kent]

Sir Mary Gittings hath by her Petition set forth to us that she was, in Septr 1777 plundered by the Enemy, of Household Furniture, Wearing Apparel &^ca^ to a very considerable Amount, and it appearing to us by her Deposition with a List of her Losses and the Depositions of others, that the said Facts are true, and we esteeming it proper that the Collection of the Assessment of the said Mary Gittings for the Year 1779 amounting to the Sum of £269..15..0 should be suspended do desire you not to collect the same or any Part thereof and if collected, to refund the same

[Council to Colo. Solomon Stympson]

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Sir We think it will be proper to remove the Grain you have procured, to George Town and store it there, because it may with greater Ease and at less Expence be transported by Water from thence to the Head of Elk.

[Council to His Excellency Governor Jefferson of Virginia]

Sir We had the Honor to receive your Excellency's Letter of the 30th Iany The Necessity which constrained our Assembly to enact a Law, the extensive Operation of which has interfered with the Purchases made by your Agent, for the Subsistence of the Military of your State, we must deplore, and can assure you that an anxious Solicitude for the Welfare of the United States and an Opinion that nothing short of the most vigorous and sudden Exertions, could procure an immediate and full Supply for our distressed Army were the only Motives which prompted them to make it so general. We are Satisfied it is not the Intention of the Act, to provide Supplies for State Troops, because, when it was made, it was not known that the Military of any particular State was in Distress. The Object of the Assembly being an immediate and full Supply for the Army, we cannot admit your Exposition of the Law, because it would in some Degree counteract the Purpose of it and because we think the word "others" was inserted with a View of including every Person in whose Possession any Flour or Wheat was found and may well comprehend the Agent of Virginia; and that, unless such Construction is made, as there is no other Person except the Agent of the Marine of France (whose Flour is also deemed Seizable) to whom it can relate, that word would be deprived of its Effect, and a well known Principle in expounding Acts of the Legislature would be infringed, that a Law ought to be so construed that no word should be rendered void or insignificant if it can be prevented. We must further observe that the Intention of the Assembly ought to prevail, which is to be collected from the *Cause* or *Necessity* which induced them to make the Law. We cannot esteem it necessary to enter into a minute Discussion of the present Question or to resort to nice and subtil Reasoning to justify an Exertion which was requisite to prevent the numerous Calamities which must result from the Dissolution of the Continental Army. We are sensible it is the mutual Interest of both States to preserve the Harmony that subsists between them which, added to our Desire to contribute all we possibly can to the Relief of your Distresses, make us wish to receive Information from Congress or His Excellency General Washington, that the Army is supplied, that we may have it in our Power to restore your Flour, before you feel any Inconveniencies from the Seizure of it. Our Assembly will meet the second Day of March when your Excellency's Letter will be laid before them for their Consideration.

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February 24

Thursday 24th February 1780

Present as on Yesterday—

Ordered That Mr James Williams be informed that the State has no further use for his House lately occupied as an Hospital and that the Rent of the same henceforth cease.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to John Meara Two thousand Dollars to be delivered over to John Flattery and by him delivered over to Lieut Clement Skerrit of Capt. Browns Company of Artillery due him in leiu of Articles allowed by the General Assembly for the year 1779.

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[Gov. Lee to Alexander Clagett Esqr. Shff. of Washington County.]

Sir The enclosed is a Pardon for Thomas Taylor a Prisoner in your Custody. When you discharge him deliver him over to a Recruiting Officer and desire the Officer to pay the pecuniary Bounty that Taylor may be entitled to, to his wife who lives in Harford County and who, with several Children are in extreme indigent Circumstances: In this Instance I think it not amiss to direct the Application of the Continental and State Bounty of 450 Dollars, however improper it might be in any other. Communicate this Letter to the Recruiting Officer and inform me of his Name

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February 25

Friday 25 February 1780

Present as on Yesterday—

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to John Ford a Recruit one Suit of Cloaths the Bounty allowed by the late Act of Assembly.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Peter McNorton four hundred and fifty Dollars the Bounty allowed to the above John Ford.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Brice Esqr five hundred pounds for his Attendance in Council to this Instant.

That Capt George Keeports deliver to Lieut Samuel Farmer of the 3d Regimt 20 pair Overalls for the use of the said Regiment.

February 26

Saturday 26th February 1780

Present as on Yesterday—

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to John Crisall four hundred Pounds on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to Jacob Crauford lately recommended to an Ensigncy in the 2d Regimt three thousand Dollars to be expended in the Recruitg Serv. & Accd for—

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Richard Dorsey of Artillery, two hundred and thirty nine Pounds due him per Account passed by the Aud. Genl Liber C B No. 23

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut. Nicholas Ricketts of Artillery Two hundred and Eighty nine Pounds Eighteen shillings and nine Pence due him p^{r} Acc^{t} pass^{d} by A. G^{l}

That Serj^{t} Richard Welsh deliver to Capt. Frazier of the Brig Talbot 60^{l} of Cannon Powder, from the Cartridges received of Com^{o} Grason. The Owners of the said Brig to pay the Price that the other Powder to be disposed of by the Govr & Council shall sell for

That Capt. Geo. Keeports deliver to David Poe Esqr 12 Camp Kittles

That the said Geo. Keeports deliver to Capt. Richard Dorsey of Artillery 1 p^{s} Brittanies of the second Quality in part of the Articles allowed by the G. Ass^{y}

That the said George Keeports deliver to Lieut Nicholas Ricketts of Artillery 1 p^{s} Brittanies of the second Quality in part of the Art^{l} &c^{a}

That the said Geo. Keeports deliver to Capt. Thos Lansdale of the 4th Regim^{t} 1 p^{s} Brittanies of the second Quality in part of the Articles &c^{a}

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to John Purdy, John Martin, Joseph Sabolle, John Decoin John Dupre, William Cole, John Armstrong Senr Abraham Baker, William Harriss, Benjamin Burk, Edward Purdy, Henry Purdy and John Mantle Recruits for the 6th Regiment each a Suit of Cloaths the Bounty allowed by the Act of Ass^{y} p. 117

[Council to Capt Thomas Lansdale] Liber C C No. 22 p. 71

Sir We have some Expectations of purchasing the Deficiency of Cloathing for the Officers, on better Terms than you mention, and enclose you an Order on Mr Keeports for Linen for two Shirts.

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Present as on Saturday—

Commission of a Letter of Marque and Reprisal issued to Henry Putnam Commander of the Schooner Peggy mounting 12 Carriage Guns & 12 Small Arms belonging to Richard Curson &C^{o} of Baltimore.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Robert Reynolds seventy Pounds five shillings due him per Account passed by Dep^{y} Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Joseph Middleton one hundred and seventy five Pounds due him per account passed by the Dep^{y} Aud.

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That the said Treasurer pay to James Brice Esqr five hundred Pounds for his Attendance in Council to this Day inclusive.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Muir one thousand five hundred and Eighty one Pounds, seventeen Shillings and three Pence due himself and the further Sum of four thousand two hundred and ninty three Pounds to be delivered over to William Paca Esqr due him per Account passed by the Aud. General.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Andrew Poymarat, Jean Laravure, Humphry Carpenter Thomas Fowler, and Thomas Jordan Recruits for the 1st Regim^{t} one Suit of Cloaths each the Bounty allowed by the late Act of Assembly—

That the said Commissary deliver to William Hillier, & William Newton of the 2^{d} Regim^{t} and Benjamin Wisely of the 3^{d} Reg^{t} 1 p^{r} shoes and 1 p^{r} Stockings each to be charged to the said Regiments.

That Serj. Welsh Deliver to Joseph Dowson 1 Ton of Pig Iron to be paid for at the same Price which the rest sells at.

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[Council to Richard Dallam Esqr.]

Sir On receiving yours of the 18th Ins^{t} we applied to the Treasurer, to know what Money was on Hand, and find it is not in our Power to draw, at this Time, there not being more than 6000£ in the Treasury. By a Return from you of the 31st Decr 1779, we observe there were then in Harford County 500 Barrels of Flour, unpacked, 1820 packed and 13.700 Bushels of Wheat; and in your Letter of the 18th Ins^{t} you write that you had forwarded about 1400 Barrels of Flour and had about 300 Barrels on Hand: This requires an Explanation, which we request you to give and to transmit us an exact Account of what you have been able to obtain, for the Information of the Genl Assembly

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Tuesday 29th February 1780

Present as on Yesterday—

Ordered That the Eastern shore Treasurer pay to Richard Keene one of the Commissioners for Caroline County Eight hundred Pounds to enable him to Carry into Execution the Act for the immediate Supply of Flour and other Provisions for the Army on Account

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. Henry Gaither five thousand Dollars to be expended in the recruiting Service and Accounted for.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to John Cope and Andrew White Rec^{ts} each a Suit of Cloaths the Bounty allowed by the late Act of Assembly.

Commission of a Letter of Marque and Reprisal issued to Thomas Walker Commander of the Schooner Dispatch Burthen Thirty Tons navigated by six Men Mounting four Swivil Guns belonging to Joseph Dowson and Company of the City of Annapolis. Liber C B No. 23

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Present as on Yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Allen Quynn Esqr four hundred and forty two Pounds, ten shillings for the Use of Simon Ratalack per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to William Hyde four hundred and sixteen Pounds, thirteen shillings and four Pence for 1 Month Salary due this Day.

That the Eastern shore Treasurer pay to Nichs Thomas Esqr Judge of the General Court, sixty two Pounds, one shilling and nine Pence for his Salary from 23 Oct. to 1 Novemr 1779 and three thousand Pounds from 1 Novemr to 1 March 1780

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Mark Butt of the 2d Maryld Regiment 1 pair of Shoes to be charged to the said Regimt

Thursday 2d March 1780— March 2

Present as on Yesterday.

Ordered That the Collector of the Tax for Montgomery County pay to Capt. Lloyd Beall of the 7th Regimt Twelve thousand Dollars to be expended in the Recruitg Serv. & Accd for.

That Capt. George Keeports deliver to Ens. Thomas Jenkins of the 1st Maryld Brigade 1 ps Brittanies of the third Quality & Cloth sufft for 1 pr Breeches in part of the Articles &ca

That the said George Keeports deliver to Capt Philemon Griffith of the late Rawlings's Regimt 3¼ yds Cloth, 3 yds Shalloon and 1 ps Brittanies of the second Quality in part of the Articles allowed by the General Assembly.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Ens. Thomas Jenkins of the first Maryland Brigade 3 yds. Linen for Lining in part of the Articles allowed &ca

That the said Commissary deliver to Capt Philo Griffith of the late Rawlings's Regim. 2 pr Stockings and 3 yds Linen for Lining in part of the Articles &ca

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Thomas Johnson junr Cl. to the Govr &Co four hundred and sixteen Pounds, thirteen shillings and four Pence for one Month Salary to the first Instant.

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That the said Treasurer pay to Col° Uriah Forrest Aud. General one thousand and forty one Pounds, thirteen shillings and four Pence for one Month Salary ending the 29 February—

That the said Treasurer pay to Conrod T. Wederstrandt Esqr one hundred and fifty Pounds for the like sum advanced Capt. Green for the Use of the State Boat Dolphin

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[Council to Colo. Peregrine Tilghman]

Sir Mr Wederstrandt has represented to this Board (and we believe very truly) that the Quantity of twenty eight Barrels of Flour, which you lately seized in Emmerson's Warehouse, in Virtue of the Law for the immediate supply of the Army, was purchased by him for some Gentlemen in this City for the Consumption of their several Families. We believe the Quantity is not more than those Gentlemen can consume in their Families in four Months. Under such Circumstances, we request you to restore to Mr Wederstrandt, the whole of the Flour, that it may be applied to this Purpose for which it was purchased, apprehending this Case is not within either the Spirit or Letter of the Law.

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[Council to Mr. Charles Blake]

Sir We received yours of the 3^d and 21st Ult° As you have already engaged Vessels to transport the Wheat you have seized, as soon as the Navigation is open, we think it will contribute most to the Public Service to have it delivered to Mr Henry Hollingsworth at the Head of Elk. We are of Opinion the Flour purchased by the French Agents is subject to Seizure under the Law, but would not have it removed, until you receive further Directions from us. We have sent you a few Certificates by Mr Wederstrandt

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Friday 3 March 1780

Present as on Yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. Edward Spurrior of the 4 Reg^r three thousand Dollars to be expended in the Recruiting Service and Accounted for.

That the said Treasurer pay to the said Capt. Edward Spurrior two thousand Dollars to be delivered over to Lt Col° Nathl Ramsay of the 3^d Maryland Regim^t due him by an Act of Assembly relating to the Officers & Soldiers &c^a

Ordered That the Collector of the Tax for Harford County pay to Capt. John Smith of the 3^d Regim^t six thousand Dollars to be expended in the Recruiting Service and Accounted for.

That Capt. George Keeports deliver to Capt. Edward Spurrior of the 4 Regim^{t} 3¼ yds Cloth, 3 yds shalloon and 1 p^{s} Brittanies in part of the Articles &c^{a} Liber C B No. 23

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to the said Capt. Edward Spurrior 3 yds Linen for Lining and 2 p^{r} Stockings in part of the Articles &c^{a}

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Conrad T. Wederstrandt Esqr Two thousand one hundred and twenty three Pounds, nine shillings and ten Pence half Penny due him per Account passed by the Aud. General.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. George Keeports three thousand Pounds on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to John Bullen Esqr Two thousand two hundred and fifty seven Pounds ten shillings due him per Acc^{t} passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Isaac Duvall seventy six Pounds ten shillings due him per Account passed by the Dep^{y} Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Jacob one hundred and fifty four Pounds ten shillings due him per Account passed by the Dep^{y} Aud.

That Serj. Richard Welsh deliver to Mr Shaw all the Military Stores, in his Possession belonging to the State, Mr Shaw being hereby appointed to take charge of the same.

That William Morgan, Henry Wood and William Jones Matrosses of this State be attached to, and incorporated into the Comp^{y} of Matrosses lately commanded by Capt. Gale and be deemed part of the Quota of this State of the American Army.

Samuel Smith, Charles Hogg, Joshua Cord, John Shroud, John Crabb and John Singleton Matrosses in the late Capt. Gales Comp^{y} appearing to this Board to be unfit for Service, is hereby Discharged.—

In Virtue of the Act of the General Assembly to empower the Governor & Council to sell the Public Property &c^{a} Charles Wallace Esqr Paymaster of the State Troops is hereby Disch^{d}

[Council to Mr. Daniel Bowley]

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Sir Please to deliver to Capt George Keeports, the Cloth purchased by the Governor and Council of Mr Young

[Council to The Commrs for Baltimore Town]

Gentlemen We shall be obliged to you to send a Load of Flour for the Continental Troops in this City. We have wrote to Mr David Poe, Dep^{y} Qu^{r} Mr Genl to supply you with a Team

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[Council David Poe Esqr. Dy. Q. M. G.]

Sir. We shall be obliged to you to furnish the Commissioners of Baltimore Town and Capt Keeports with two Teams for the Transporting Flour and Cloathing to this City for the Use of the Continental Troops

[Council to Honble Board of War]

Gentlemen Several Applications have been made to us by the Soldiers belonging to this State, for Cloathing which they allege is due to them, and, to support their Claim, have produced Certificates from the Paymasters. We wish to be informed whether they are entitled to Cloathing or Money in Lieu thereof and whether, if they are entitled to Cloathing we shall be justified in issuing it to them, agreeable to the Certificates produced.

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Saturday 4 March 1780.

Present as on Yesterday.—

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Thomas Harry, John Tucker, Alexander West, and John West, recruits for the 1 Reg^{r} & Peter Meguire a recruit for the 7 Reg^{t} 1 Suit of Cloaths each the Bounty all^{d} by the Genl Assembly and also to Nathan Peak John Taylor & Robert Baily of the 1 Regim^{t} each 1 p^{r} shoes.

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to Walter Warfield Surgeon to the 2^{d} Regim 2 p^{r} Stockings & 3 yds. Linen for Lining in part of the Article &c^{a}

That the said Commissary deliver to Gabriel Gatworth formerly a Sold^{r} in the 2 Maryl^{d} Reg^{r} 2 Coats in lieu of the like number which were left by him in Annapolis and taken by order of the Govern^{r} & Council.

That Capt. Geo. Keeports deliver to Walter Warfield Surgeon to the 2^{d} Reg^{r} 3¼ yds. Cloth, 3 yds Shalloon & 1 p^{s} Brittanies of the 2^{d} Quality in part of the Article &c^{a}

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Robt Reith Mess^{r} to the Govr & Co^{l} one hundred and twenty five Pounds due him for 1 m^{o} Salary to 1st Inst.

p. 120 Ordered That the Collector of the Tax for Prince Georges County pay to Capt. William Dent Beall of the 6th Regiment five thousand Dollars to be expended in the Recruiting Service & Acc^{d} for

That Com^{o} Grason Deliver to Archibald Buchanan Esqr 1 Wood Compass, 1 Brass D^{o} 4 Powder horns 2 Lanthorns & 4 Swivels to be paid for at the same Price which the like Articles to be sold by the Govr & Council sell for.

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Present as on Saturday—except Jerem[a] T. Chase Esq[r]

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Frank Leek Esquire fifteen Thousand Pounds to be delivered over to Jonathan Hudson Esq[r] in part of the Sum of £30.240 due him for Linen purchased of him by the Gov[r] & Council for the use of the Officers in the Maryl[d] Line—

Wednesday 8th March 1780. March 8

Present as on Yesterday.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Negroe Michael a Slave belonging to the State 2 Shirts, 1 p[r] Woolen Trousers, 1 p[r] Shoes and 1 p[r] Stockings.

That the said Commissary deliver to Ens. William Noyes of the first Maryl[d] Brigade 2 p[r] of Stockings in part of the Articles allowed by the Gen[l] Assembly

That Capt. George Keeports deliver to the said Ens William Noyes 1 p[s] Brittanies of the third Quality in part of the Articles &c[a]

Thursday 9 March 1780 March 9

Present as on Yesterday.

By a Certificate transmitted to this Board by James Shaw one of the Justices of the Peace of Dorchester County in the State of Maryland, it appears that Freeborn Garretson was carried before him as a Disaffected Fugitive from the State of Delaware, who on Examination by him acknowledged he had not taken the Oath of Fidelity to his State or either of the United States and refused to take the Oath prescribed by an Act of the General Assembly of Maryland entitled an Act for the better Security of the Government, Whereupon he committed him to the Goal of Dorchester County. Ordered that the said Freeborn Garretson be released from his Confinement on his entering into a Bond in the Penalty of £20000 with good and sufficient Security for his Personal Appearance before the Executive Council of the State of Delaware within 20 Days from the Date of the Bond and also to return a Certificate from the said Executive Council of his having made his Personal Appearance before them with 30 Days from the Date of the said Bond.

Leave is hereby given if his Excellency General Washington shall approve the same to William Potts Esq[r] to bring from New York by the same Conveyance in which Mrs. Achsah Chamiers Furniture is brought, a Mahogany Bedstead, Feather Bed and suit of Curtains, he having satisfied this Board that they are his Property & not intended for Sale

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[Council to James Woolford 3d Esqr. Shffe of Dorchester County]

Sir It appears to this Board by the Certificate of James Shaw that a certain Freeborn Garretson has been apprehended as a disaffected Fugitive from the State of Delaware and committed to the Iail of Dorchester County in Virtue of the "Act for the better security of the Government" after his Refusal to take the Oath prescribed by the said Act. We have determined to release the Prisoner, on his giving Bond with good and sufficient Surety in the sum of twenty thousand Pounds, to make his personal Appearance before the Executive of the State of Delaware within twenty Days after the Date of such Bond; and on complying with the Terms specified in the Bond herewith sent, the Blanks of which Bond we request you will have filled up and legally executed previous to giving a Discharge, and transmitted to this Board

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Friday 10 March 1780.

Present as on Yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Samuel Chase Esqr ten thousand Pounds to be delivered over to John Dorsey &Co. on Account.

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Commission of Letter of Marque and Reprisal issued to William Paddison Commander of the Schooner Neptune, 60 Tons burthen, navigated by 14 Men mounting 4 Carriage Guns, 4 Swivels and 6 small Arms, belonging to Mathew Ridley, Hugh Young & Daniel Bowley of Maryland.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Peter Cutong a Recruit a Suit of Cloaths the Bounty allowed by the Late Act of Assembly.

That the said Commissary deliver to Peter McNorton 1 pr Breeches & 1 pr Stockings to John Martindale fifer 1 pr Breeches, 1 pr Stockings and 1 shirt to Anthony Smith Drumr 1 Coat, 1 Vest, 1 pr Breeches, 1 pr Stockings, 1 pr Shoes, & 1 shirt, to John Levere 1 shirt to be charged to the 1st Maryld Regimt also to Thomas Keef of the 7 Regr 1 pr Breeches 1 pr Stockings & 1 shirt, to Henry Wood, William Jones, William Morgan, William Thomas & John Paine of the Matross Compy in the Continental Service lately commanded by Capt. Gale, each of them 2 Shirts 1 pr shoes and 1 pr Stockings to be charged to the Compy.

That the said Commissary deliver to Capt. Henry Gaither 3 Camp Kettles for the use of the Recruits in Annapolis.

That Commr Grason deliver to Doctr Benjamin Kirby the Medecine Chest which was sold to the state by James Sullivan, Doctr Kirby having satisfied this Board that it is his property.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Mr Archibald Pattison two thousand Dollars to be delivered over to Patrick Braughan of Dorset County a recruiting Officer appointed by this Board to be by him expended in the Recruiting Service & Accounted for. Liber C B No. 23

That the said Treasurer pay to Jonathan Parker, Two hundred and fifty Pounds on acct

The Governor and Council have agreed to pay Capt. Philemon Warfield £40 p month for Superintending the Magazine near Rawlings's.

Commission of Letter of Marque & Reprisal issued to Joseph Elliot Commander of the Schooner Molly 60 Tons burthen, navigated by ten Men, mounting 2 Carriage Guns 1 Swivel & 6 Small Arms, belonging to Archibald Pattison &Co Dorchester County.

Whereas it appears by a Transcript from the Records of the Proceedings of Queen Anns County Court, that a certain David Roberts of the said County was presented for burning the Mansion House of John Roser. And Whereas the said David Roberts by his Petition which is supported by sundry respectable Inhabitants of the County aforesaid hath prayed my Interposition in his favor. I have thought proper that all Proceedings at Law for or concerning the said Offence shall cease and that the said Presentment be forthwith discharged. Tho. Sim Lee.

To Luther Martin Esqr Attorney General, or the Prosecutor of the Criminal Pleas in Queen Anns County.

Saturday 11 March 1780. March 11

Present as on Yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. Samuel Sadler three hundred and seventy five Pounds for the use of Nathaniel Smith due him per Account passed by the Deputy Auditor.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Archibald Job Esqr five hundred and sixty Pounds to be delivered over to Joseph Gilpin due him per Acct passed by the Depy Aud. p. 122

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to John Neary a Recruit a Suit of Cloaths the Bounty allowed by the late Act of Assembly.

That the Collector of the Tax for Montgomery County pay to Samuel Thomas, 3d Esqr Commissioner for said County one thousand five hundred Pounds to enable him to carry into Execution the Act for the immediate Supply of Flour and other Provisions for the Army on Acct

That the said Collector of the Tax pay to Solomon Stympson Esqr Comr for said County one thousand five hundred Pounds to enable him to carry into Execution &ca

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That the Collector of the Tax for Kent County pay to John Page Esqr Commissioner for said County two thousand Pounds to enable him to carry into Execution the Act for the immediate Supply &c^{a}

That John Shaw deliver to Mr Archibald Pattison one Barrel Cannon Powder 2 Powder horns, 2 quires of Cannon Cartridge Paper & 1 Lanthorn taking his Receipt for the same to be paid for at the Price the like Articles to be disposed of by this Board may sell for at Public or Private Sale.

Serjeant Richard Welsh a Matross in the late Capt. Gales Company having procured William Thomas an able Bodied Man to serve in the Continental Army in his stead during the War the said Richard Welsh is hereby Discharged

This Board have disposed of to Col^{o} James Kent a Cable lent him some time last Novem^{r} weighing 880^{ł} ⅔^{ds} worn at 25/ ꝑł amounting to £1100.

Commission of Letter of Marque & Reprisal issued to Thomas Waters Comm^{r} of the Sloop Lark burthen 50 Tons, navigated with 8 Men mounting 4 Carriage Guns belonging to Archibald Pattison & Comp^{y} Dorchester County.

Permission is hereby given to Mrs. Alexander of this State to solicit Leave from his Excellency General Washington or the Commanding Officer at the out Posts of the American Army at Elizabeth Town to go into the City of New York not to return again into this State during the Present War between America and Great Britain without the Leave of the Governor and Council for the Time being first had and obtained.

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[Council to Colo. Henry Hollingsworth]

Sir We have received a Letter from the Board of War, informing us, that by Letters from the Commissary General of Issues, it is by no Means improbable that the Army will be obliged to disband, unless the Speediest Relief is afforded by forwarding as much Flour as possible, to prevent the Distress likely to fall on the Army, and the dangerous Consequences which may probably attend it. Under these Circumstances, we have to request your utmost Exertions and that you will inform us frequently, of the Quantity of Supplies forwarded by you

[Council to The Commrs for Charles & St. Mary's Counties]

Gentlemen We request you to supply to the Recruiting Officers and others returned on Furlough, in your County, Provisions and Forage on their producing General Smallwoods Requisition for the same.

[Council to Gen'l Smallwood.] Liber C C No. 22

Sir Your Letter of the 7th Inst was handed to us this Day by Colo Ienifer and by the same Opportunity we enclose you Letters to the Commissioners of Charles and Saint Mary's Counties, desiring them to furnish, upon your Requisition, supplies of Provision and Forage, for Recruiting Officers and Parties, in those Counties and also for Officers on Furlough. The late Resignations of Commissaries and Quartermasters have been attended with Inconvenience which, we hope, may be, in some Measure, remedied, in this Instance, at least, by the step we have taken.

[Council to Honble Board of War]

Gentlemen We had the Honor of receiving your Letter of the 7th Inst at 6 o'clock last Evening: the Subject is of a most Serious and alarming Nature and you may rely upon our immediate Attention to it. Every Exertion shall be made on our Part to extricate the Army from its present Difficulties and Distress, we, however, cannot avoid expressing our Astonishment on finding the Magazines in such an exhausted State, after the Numberless Accounts received of plentiful Supplies being received at Camp. These Accounts, we must observe, were not officially given but they, however came through such a Variety of Channels, we thought them entitled to some Credit. especially as we had received nothing contradictory from Congress Your Honble Board or the General. We again beg you to be assured that we will make every Effort to send forward to Camp, all the Flour that is or may be collected, without Loss of Time.

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Circular Extract of a Letter from the hōnble the Board of War, to the Governor dated March 7th 1780—

" We are alarmed and most feelingly distressed at the Accounts we have just received from the Commissary General of Issues, of the State of the Magazines of Provisions at Camp. Unless the Speediest Relief is afforded it is by no Means improbable that the Army will be obliged to disband the Vicinity of the Camp and indeed the whole State of Iersey being exhausted by its Exertions for the Supply of the Troops this winter. We have therefore most earnestly to request the Assistance of your Excellency and the Honorable Council upon this disagreeable Exigency and we beg you will cause as much Flour as possible to be forwarded that the Distress likely to fall on the Army and the dangerous Consequences which may probably attend it, may be prevented "

Gent. The above, we trust, is sufficient without any Exhortation of ours, to impress on your Minds the absolute Necessity of forwarding, without Delay, all the Flour you may have in Readiness and to

Liber C C No. 22 hasten the manufacturing of the Wheat in your Hands; the Flour and Wheat taken from the French Agents excepted.

The following Post script to be added, to the Commissioners for Baltimore County, " The enclosed Order on the Collector of Baltimore County for £8000 is sent at Mr Stevenson's Request, contained in his Letter of the 8th Inst "

[Council to Mr. John Page, Kent County]

Sir—We have received yours of the 2d Inst and approve of your Storing, at convenient Landings the Provisions collected in Virtue of the Act for the immediate Supply of Flour and other Provisions for the Army: they must certainly be transported with more Expedition as well as Ease by Water, than by Land and it must have been the Intention of the Legislature to furnish the Army in the Manner the least burthensome and inconvenient to the State, if it could be done with equal Speed and as you are peculiarly circumstanced, the Mode you have adopted is the most preferable. You are to retain in your Hands the Vessel and Grain, which is said to be the Property of Mr James Hutchings, until you make a thorough and satisfactory Enquiry into the Nature of that Transaction. If the Cargoe is the Property of the State, the Vessel must have been freighted by some of the Commissioners to remove it, of this you may satisfy yourself without Difficulty. You have an undoubted Right to seize the Grain, Flour &ca which may be found in the Hands of Mr Wederstrandt and every other Person under the Restrictions pointed out by the Law. We invariably directed the Commissioners to seize, as the Law warrants, all the Flour and Grain purchased for the French Agent, of which they are to take a particular Account and transmit to this Board, but no such Flour or Grain is to be removed or sent forward to Camp, without our further Orders; this is mentioned for your Government in such Cases. The Purchases of Millers are equally liable to Seizure, the Law makes no Distinction betwixt them and other Purchasers. The Ship Stuff and Bran you are to send an Order on the Collector of Kent County for £2000 and Certificates are herewith sent agreeably to your Request

p. 76 [Gov. Lee to Colo. Henry Hollingsworth]

Sir Aaron Ringrose Skipper of a Boat with 117 Barrels of Flour, this Moment called upon me for Instructions as to its Destination. The Flour is sent by Colo P. Tilghman one of the Commissioners for Talbot County, who did not know to whom the Council and I would have it forwarded and by his Directions, I have been applied to. The wind is fair and the Man uneasy to get under way, I have therefore, for the Sake of Dispatch, which is essentially necessary at this critical Iuncture, and without troubling the Council in the Business, ordered him to deliver his Cargoe to you

Monday 13th March 1780.

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Present as on Saturday Jeremᵃ T. Chase Esqʳ Attended.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Colᵒ Joseph Dashiell Twenty seven Pounds due himself, fifteen Pounds for the use of Solᵒ Long, fifty two pounds ten shillings for the use of John Jones, Twenty eight Pounds, thirteen shillings for the use of Robert Done and five Pounds, fifteen shillings and ten pence for the use of James Perdue per Accounts passed by the Depʸ Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Commoʳ Thomas Grason one thousand eight hundred and forty six Pounds, nineteen shillings and five Pence due him and the seamen belonging to this State ꝑ pay List Examined & passed by the Aud. Genˡ

That the said Treasurer pay to Elie Vallette six hundred and twenty five Pounds due him for 1 Months Salary ꝑ Accᵗ passed by the Aud. Genˡ p. 123

Ordered That John Shaw deliver to Samuel Chase Esqʳ 25ᵗ Cannon Powder to be paid for at the Price the like Articles to be disposed of by this Board may sell for at Public & Private Sale

That the Collector of the Tax for Baltimore County pay to Lieut Samuel Farmer of the 3rd Regimᵗ Eight thousand Dollars to be by him expended in the Recruiting Service and Accounted for.

That Capt. Geo. Keeports deliver to Capt. John Smith of the 3ᵈ Regʳ Cloth sufficient for a Suit of Cloaths, 3 yds Shalloon & 1 pˢ Brittanies of the 2ᵈ Quality in part of the Article allowed &cᵃ

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Colᵒ Joseph Dashiell one thousand five hundred Pounds for 4000 feet of 272 Inch Plank, Pine, procured by him at the request of the late Governor & Council to be delivered at Salisbury when Ordered.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Commᵒ Grason 1 pʳ Shoes for John Berryman Seaman to be charged by the Comᵒ to him.

The Petition of Jesse Bennett of Worcester County exhibited to this Board on the 17 Novemʳ 1779 complaining of an undue and unfair Election for Sheriffs for said County is withdrawn by him by his Letter of the 29th Decʳ last.

Commissions of Letters of Marque & Reprisal issued to Davidson Durham Commander of the Schooner Chance, 70 Tons burthen navigated by 27 Men, mounting 8 Carriage Guns, 2 Swivils and 7 small Arms, belonging to Isaac Moses &Cᵒ of Philadelphia, to John Rogers Commander of the Brig Black Prince 90 Tons burthen navigated by 40 Men, mounting 12 Carriage Guns, 4 Swivils & 18 Small Arms. to John Stout of the Schooner Humming Bird 30 Tons burthen, navigated by 13 Men, mounting 4 Carriage Guns, 4 Swivils and 6 small Arms. to William Thompson of the Schooner Two Sisters 25 Tons burthen, navigated by 8 Men, mounting 4 Swivels and 6

Liber C B No. 23 Musketts to George Buchanan of the Brig Fox 80 Tons burthen navigated by 22 Men, mounting 14 Carriage Guns, & 14 Small Arms, belonging to John Dorsey &C° Baltimore also Paul Hussey of the Schooner Lizard 60 Tons burthen navigated by 10 Men, mounting 4 Carriage Guns & 6 small Arms. to Benjamin Bradhurst of the Schooner Blossom 45 Tons burthen navigated by 9 Men mounting 4 Carriage Guns and 6 small Arms, belonging to Richard Curson &C° of Maryland and also to John McKirdy of the Schooner Dove 60 Tons burthen navigated by 13 Men, mounting four Swivils belonging to Arch^a Buchanan &C° of Balt°

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[Council to Perigrine Tilghman Esqr]

Sir Yours of the 7th Ins^t came to Hand Yesterday Morning and Aaron Ringrose the Skipper of the Vessel, with 117 Barrels of Flour was immediately dispatched to the Head of Elk with Directions to deliver his Cargoe to Col° Henry Hollingsworth, to whom we must request you will forward all the Flour Wheat &^ca you may collect in Virtue of the Act for the immediate Supply of Flour and other Provisions for the Army, and as water Carriage is attended with less Expence to the Public as well as less Inconvenience to Individuals we prefer that Mode of Conveyance. We are clearly of Opinion that the Flour &^ca purchased by the French Agents are liable to Seizure by the Letter as well as the Spirit of the Law under which you act, and upon every Application made to us by the Commissioners, we have invariably directed them to take such Purchases into their Possession, and transmit to us a particular Account thereof but to wait our further Instructions before they are forwarded to Camp

[Council to Capt. Levin Handy]

Sir—We are sorry to hear your Endeavours to procure Recruits have not been attended with the Desired Success. The Assembly will probably meet in a few Days and if it should appear to them that the Public will receive an Advantage by extending the Term beyond the first of April for giving the State Bounty to Recruits, there is little Doubt but it will be done; we have not the Power to continue it beyond the Time limitted by the present Recruiting Law. Col° Dashiell informs us that it has been suggested to that Order of People who were most likely to enlist, that a Draft from the Militia would probably take Place, which may have induced many to decline entering into the Service for the Present, from an Expectation of getting more as Substitutes. We think there is no Prospect of a Draft as by a Letter from His Excellency the General, the Deficiencies of the Maryland Quota is much less than we expected

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Present as on Yesterday.

Ordered That the Collector of the Tax for Kent County pay to Ens John Sears of the 2d Regimt four thousand Dollars to be expended in the Recruiting Service & Accounted for.

That the Collector of the Tax for Baltimore County pay to Andrew Buchanan Joshua Stevenson & John Moale Esqrs Commrs for said County Eight thousand Pounds to enable them to carry into Execution the Act for the immediate Supply of Flour & other Provisions &ca

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Arthur Bryan one thousand, one hundred and sixteen Pounds for the use of Edward Lloyd Esqr the Compena made by the Genl Assy

That the said Treasurer pay to Edward Dorsey son of Jno two hundred and seventy one Pounds thirteen shillings & nine Pence p acct passed by the Depy Aud.

Joshua Burgess of Ann Arundel County appd Ens. in the 4 Regr Henry Gassaway of the same County and Richard Chew late Serjt in the 4th Regimt appointed Ensigns in the second Brigade, John Boone of Prince George's County appd Ens. in the 1st Regimt and also to Mr Kenneck appd Ens. in the 6th Regt and it is requested that Commissions issue to them accordingly from the Board of War. p. 124

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to John Muir three thousand Pounds to pay for making Shirts on Account.

That Commodore Grason deliver to Samuel Chase Esqr or his order, 2, 4t Ladles, and 20 double headed 4t Shott to be paid for at the same Price the like Articles to be sold by the Governor & Council sell for.

That John Shaw deliver to the said Samuel Chase Esqr or his order 2 Lanthorns and 9 Powder horns to be paid for as aforesaid.

[Council to Mr. John Taylor]

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Sir Mr McComas informs us you have refused to receive Certificates given in Virtue of the Act for the immediate Supply of Flour and other Provisions for the Army in Payment of the late Assessment. We think it must have been the Intention of the Legislature to have taken every Measure in their Power to soften and reconcile to the People a Law which was founded in Necessity. It would have been rather hard, first to strip the Subject of the only Means of raising Money and afterwards refuse Certificates which they esteemed equivalent to Money, in Discharge of the Assessment. We are therefore the more inclined to think it must have been the Design of the Assembly to have made the Certificates discountable in the late as well as future Assessments.

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[Council to The Honble the Board of War]

Gentlemen. Joshua Burgess and Henry Gassaway of Ann Arundel County and John Boone of Prince George's County in the State of Maryland are hereby appointed Ensigns, Joshua Burgess in the 4th Regt Henry Gassaway in the 2d Brigade and John Boone in the first Regiment of Continental Troops and we request Commissions may issue to them accordingly; Colo Otho Williams writes us "Mr Kenrick the Bearer enlisted in the 6th Maryland Regiment in 1776 and has faithfully discharged the Duty of Sergeant Major to that Corps; he has given Satisfaction in his Station and I think him qualified for a Commission of greater Authority, if he will accept of an Ensign's Commission in the 6th it will be agreeable"; we appoint him an Ensign in the 6th Maryland Regiment and request a Commission may issue to him

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Wednesday 15 March 1780.

Present as on Yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Colo John Thompson Two hundred and ten Pounds, Bale due him ꝑ Acct passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Edward Gaither junr a Comr in Ann Arundel County two thousand Dollars to enable him to carry into Execution the Act for the immediate supply of Flour & other Provisions for the Army.

That the said Treasurer pay to Colo James Tootell six hundred and seventy nine Pounds for the use of John Bolton ꝑ Acct passed by the Aud. Genl

That the Eastern shore Treasurer pay to Colo John Thompson a Commissioner for Queen Anns County Two thousand five hundred Pounds to enable him to carry into Execution the Act for the immediate Supply &ca on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Harwood Esqr Contl Treasr or Order one hundred and Eight thousand four hundred and seventy four and two third Dollars as part of the four Million six hundred and Eighty thousand Dollars appropriated to the use of Congress by the General Assembly of this State, the balance left unpaid of an Order of the 18 Febry last on the Collr of the Tax for Kent County which was returned to this Board and Lodged with the Continental Treasurer.

That Capt. George Keeports deliver to Ens. Jacob Craufurd of the 2d Regr 3¼ yds Cloth, 3 yds Shalloon & 1 ps Brittanies of the third Quality in part of the Articles &ca

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to the said Ensign Jacob Craufurd 2 pair of Stockings and 3 yds Linen for Lining in part of the Articles allowed by the General Assembly.

[Council to Colo Henry Hollingsworth] Liber C C No. 22 p. 77

Sir We have drawn in Favor of Mr Harwood, on the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore for 108.474⅔ Dollars the Balance of your Order drawn to him on William Merrit the 18th Feb^ry and not paid, which he will forward you by this Opportunity. The Commissioners are directed by the Law to forward the Provisions, and we have desired them to make Use of Conveyance by Water, whenever it can be done, and you will probably receive Wheat from those who have not an Opportunity of grinding it up in their Districts.

[Council to William Smith Esqr] p. 78

Sir We received your Letter of the 29th Ult^o and the 14th Ins^t Our Expectation that the General Assembly will meet in a Day or two, to whose Consideration we intend to submit the several Letters and Papers that relate to the Seizure of the French Flour, added to the Information communicated by the Board of War in a Letter of the 7th Ins^t that the Distresses of the Army are alarming and require the speediest Relef have determined us not to grant the Permission requested. We suppose the Importance of the Subject will induce the General Assembly to deliberate on it as soon as they meet

Thursday 16 March 1780 March 16 Liber C B No. 23 p. 124

Present as on Yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Dr John Johnson for the use of Thos Johnson Esqr late Govr one hundred & sixteen Pounds thirteen shillings & four Pence. Bal^ce of his last years Salary & three thousand seven hundred & fifty Pounds the Compens^n made him by the Genl Assembly as ꝑ his order of the 10 Instant.

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Present as on Yesterday.

Ordered That Christ^r Edelin Esqr Collector of the Tax for Frederick County pay to Thomas Beatty Com^r for said County two thousand Pounds to enable him to carry into Execution the Act for the immediate Supply of Flour & other Provisions for the Army on Account.

That the said Christ^r Edelin Esqr pay to Capt. William Beatty of the 7th Reg^r Ten thousand Dollars to be expended in the Recruiting Service & Accounted for.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Thomas Beatty Esqr nine hundred and seventy Pounds to be delivered over to Capt. Richard Haff on Account.

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That the said Treasurer pay to the said Thomas Beatty thirty seven Pounds ten shillings for the use of George Bear, Three hundred and thirty one Pounds, five shillings for the use of John Ramsburgh, nine hundred and thirteen Pounds, seven shillings and six Pence for the use of Capt. Richard Haff & three hundred and thirty Pounds due himself per Accounts passed by the Dep^{y} Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to the said Thomas Beatty five hundred and forty nine Pounds, Eight shillings and nine Pence for the use of Capt. Richard Haff ꝑ Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Henry Ridgely three hundred and Thirty three Pounds, six shillings and Eight Pence due him ꝑ Acc^{t} passed by the Aud. Genl—

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Johnson jun^{r} ten Pounds ten shillings due him ꝑ Acc^{t} passed by the Aud. Genl and the further Sum of Fifty Pounds on Acc^{t}

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[Council to Capt. Joseph Robinson]

Sir The Certificate you sent us defective, it not appearing thereby that the Cargoe cleared out in Virtue of our Permit of December last, was applied to the Relief of the Inhabitants of the Island of Bermuda. The Assembly is expected to meet every Day and we shall lay your Case before them; in the mean Time we cannot with Propriety give you the desired Permit

March 18 Liber C B No. 23 p. 125

Saturday 18 March 1780.

Present as on Yesterday—

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Dennis Turnein, 5 Coats, 5 Waistcoats 5 p^{r} Breeches, 5 p^{r} Overalls, 5 Shirts, 5 p^{r} Shoes, 5 p^{r} Stockings & 5 hatts one of each to be retained by him, the remainder to be delivered over to William Hurly, Edward Clancy, Philip Sullivan & Samuel Davis Recruits in the 7th Maryland Regim^{t} the Bounty all^{d} them by the G. Ass^{y}

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to Cornelius Morris, John Davis, Thompson Murray, John Loaday & John Taplin recruits for 7 Reg^{t} each a Suit of Cloath, the Bounty allowed by the late Act of Assembly.

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to John Holker of 7 Reg^{t} one Blanket to be charged to the said Regim^{t}

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt Edward Oldham of the 4 Reg^{t} 3 yds Linen for Lining and 2 p^{r} Stockings for himself and also the like Articles for Lieut John Colegate of the same Regim^{t} in part of the Articles all^{d} by the G. Ass^{y}

That Capt. George Keeport's deliver to the said Capt. Edward Oldham, 3¼ yds. Cloth, 3 yds. Shalloon & 1 p^{s} Brittanies for himself

and also the like Articles for Lt John Colegate in part of the Articles allowed by the Genl Assembly. Liber C B No. 23

That the Collector of the Tax for St. Marys County pay to Lieut Nich^{s} Manger of the 3^{d} Reg^{t} three thousand Dollars to be expended in the Recruit^{g} Service & Acc^{d} for p. 126

Ordered That Dr Johnson Deliver to his Excellency Govr Lee out of the State Shop 1^{l} Cream of Tarter & 1^{l} flour of Sulphur to be returned or paid for.

Commissions of Letters of Marque & Reprisal issued to Joseph Dority Com^{r} of the Schooner Phenix 30 Tons Burthen, navigated by 9 men mounting 6 swivils and also to William Woolsey Com^{r} of the Schooner Centurion 80 Tons burthen navigated by 15 men, mount^{g} 6 Carriage Guns and 13 small Arms belonging to David Stewart &C^{o} Baltimore

[Council to William Smith, Esqr] Liber C C No. 22 p. 78

Sir, We shall take the earliest Opportunity of communicating your Letter of the 17th Ins^{t} to the Honble the General Assembly.

Monday 20 March 1780. Liber C B No. 23 p. 126 March 20

Present as on Saturday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Robert Reynolds, Fifty one Pounds, five shillings due him ꝑ Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to John Chalmers Two thousand Dollars to be by him expended in the Recruiting Service and Accounted for.

That the said Treasurer pay to Serj. Lindiff of the 4th Reg^{t} six thousand Dollars to be expended in the Recruiting Service and Accounted for.

That the said Treasurer pay to Charles Wallace Eighty nine Pounds, seventeen shillings and six Pence due him per Account passed by the Dep^{y} Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Jonathan Parker two hundred and thirteen Pounds, ten shillings due him ꝑ Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to John Prout & James Hammond of the late Capt. Gale's Comp^{y} of Artillery 1 p^{r} of Shoes each to be ch^{d} to said Comp^{y}

That the said Commissary deliver to John Ashcraft, John Ballard, Samuel Gould of the 6 Reg^{r} Samuel Newcomb and Charles Grist of the 1 Reg^{t} Recruits each a Suit of Cloaths allowed as a Bounty by the late Act of Assembly.

Liber C C No. 22 p. 78 [Council to Henry Dickinson Esqr. Treasurer of the Eastern Shore]

Sir The exhausted State of the Treasury of the Western Shore lays us under the Necessity of making Application to you to furnish us immediately with all the Money in your Treasury exceeding the Sum of £10,000 which we apprehend will be adequate to the Purpose of discharging all Demands on you. If you think it more prudent to bring the Money than to trust any Person with it, we will most willingly reimburse you all Sums of Money necessarily expended on that Account.

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Tuesday 21 March 1780

Present as on Yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to John Stevenson ninty Pounds for the use of Henry Talbot due him ꝑ Acc^t passed by the D. Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Clement Beall Esqr Eleven hundred Dollars to be Delivered over to Capt. John Courts Jones of the 7 Reg^t to be by him expended in the Recruiting Service and Accounted for.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Williams Thirty seven Pounds ten shillings due him ꝑ Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to William Maw, seventy five Pounds due him ꝑ Account passed by the Dep^y Aud^r

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to William Ferguson a Recruit for the 1 Reg^t 1 Suit of Cloaths the Bounty allowed by the Genl Assembly.

March 22

Wednesday 22^d March 1780.

Present as on Yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to John Brice Esqr one hundred & sixty two Pounds, Eight shillings due him ꝑ Acc^t passed by the Aud. Genl

p. 127 Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to John Tucker of the 7 Reg^r one pair of Overalls.

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[Council to Capt Alexr. Warfield]

Sir We are informed the Magazine under your Care is very insecure and have requested Mr Shaw to call on you and inspect it and have the necessary Repairs made. If Mr Warfield should be from Home, Mrs Warfield is desired to let Mr Shaw have the Key.

Thursday 23d March 1780.

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Present as on Yesterday.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Ens. John Lowe of the 2d Maryld Regimt 2 pair of Stockings in part of the Articles allowed by the Genl Assembly.

That the said Commissary deliver to Horatio Roberts of the 7 Regt and Michael Coale and John Wharton of the 1st Regt Recruits, each, a Suit of Cloaths the Bounty allowed by the late Act of Assembly.

That the said Commissary deliver to William Hillier of the 2d Regimt 1 shirt & 1 pr Overalls and to Francis Fairbrother of the 1st Regt 1 pr Overalls.

That Capt. George Keeports deliver to Ens. John Lowe of the 2d Regimt 1 ps Brittanies of the 3d Quality in part of the Articles &ca

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. Beriah Maybury seventy two Pounds, fifteen shillings due him ꝑ Acct passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esquire Two thousand and Eighty three Pounds, six shillings and Eight Pence for 1 Month Salery to the 12th Instant.

Messrs Henry & Earle from the House of Delegates informs his Excellency that a sufficient Number of Members are met to proceed to Business.

[Council to Mr. Jacob Giles]

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Sir It is and has been invariably the Opinion of this Board that the Commissioners appointed to execute the Law for the immediate Supply of Flour and other Provisions for the Army might in Virtue of that Act, seize every Species of Provisions therein enumerated, as well what might be found in the Hands of Public, as private Purchasers and we have given Instructions accordingly. Your Letter of the 13th Inst shall be immediately laid before the General Assembly

[Council to General Gist]

Sir We have received your Letters of the 23d Ulto and have made the Appointments agreeable to your Recommendation and in our Letter to the Board of War, have directed the Sergeants recommended by Genl Smallwood, to be commissioned in his Brigade, leaving the Rank to be setled hereafter. Mr Randall will be requested to dispose of the mix'd Cloth and to procure other more suitable and we hope soon to forward Linen and Trimmings. The further Contents of your Letter will be laid before the General Assembly

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[Council to Mr. John Randall]

Sir We expect in a Short Time to send you Linen suitable for Shirts for the Officers and Trimmings for their Cloths and request you to exchange the mix'd Cloth for such as will be suitable to the Officers, if that cannot be done, that you will dispose of it and purchase the other Cloth. It will be proper to inform us of what you are able to do. Your Letters will be laid before the General Assembly

[Council to Capt. George Keeports]

Sir. We are desirous of forwarding the Linen and Trimmings for the Officers Cloths. Pray inform us immediately if you have a Prospect of procuring the Letter

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[Council to Gen'l Washington]

Sir We have had the Honor of receiving your Excellency's Letters of the 19th & 20th Ultimo and 10th of the Current Month, with their Several Enclosures, every of which shall be immediately laid before the honorable Genl Assembly, now about to meet. The Recruiting Officers in this State have not had the Success we wished, yet they have procured a sufficient Number to lessen our Deficiency considerably and should the Legislature continue the Recruiting Act, six or eight weeks beyond the Time limited for its Duration, we have Reason to expect our Quota will be nearly if not entirely compleat in that Space

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Friday 24 March 1780.

Present as on Yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Henry Maynadier Fifty four Pounds three shillings and four Pence due him ꝑ Acct passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to James Brice Esqr five hundred Pounds for his Attendance to this Instant Inclusive.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Alexr Lawson Smith one hundred and Twenty two Pounds due him ꝑ Acct passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Serj. John Plant of the 1st Regimt lately Discharged Twenty Pounds the Allc made to the non Commissioned Officers & Privates by the Genl Assembly, he having not received the same as appears by a Certa from Capt. John Mitchell of the first Maryland Regiment.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Richard Downes & James Currer Recruits for 1st Regimt each a Suit of Cloaths the Bounty allowed by the Genl Assembly

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to John Hewin of the 3d Regiment 20 shirts, 20 Jackets, 20 pr Breeches, 20 pr Stockings, 20 pr Shoes and 20 Blankets to be delivered over to Capt. Joseph Marbury for 20 Recruits, enlisted for the 3d Regimt Liber C B No. 23

That the said Comy deliver to Edwd Murray of 7 Regimt 1 pr Breeches.

That Capt. Geo. Keeports Deliver to Lt Elijah Evans of the Corps late Rawling's 1 ps Brittanies of the second Quality in full of the Articles Alld him by the Genl Assembly.

[Council to Captain Joseph Marbury] Liber C C No. 22 p. 80

Sir We have given Sergeant Hewin an Order on the Commissary of Stores for 20 Shirts, 20 Jackets, 20 Pairs of Breeches, 20 Pair of Stockings, 20 Pair of Shoes and 20 Blankets, agreeably to General Smallwood's and your Request. It will be necessary that you take Receipts from the Recruits upon the Delivery of the Cloaths which we wish you to transmit to Mr Muir to prevent Frauds in receiving a second Time

[Council to the Commrs for Baltimore Town]

Gent We are once more under the Necessity of applying to you for a further Supply of Flour. We shall be obliged to you to send immediately ten or twelve Barrels

Saturday 25 March 1780. Liber C B No. 23 p. 128 March 25

Present as on Yesterday.

Commission issued to John Dockery Thompson appointed Lieut of Cecil County Militia in the room of Charles Rumsay deceased.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to William Goldsmith one thousand and seventy one Pounds, two shillings and Eleven Pence and one thousand, seven hundred and twelve Pounds, ten shillings due him per Accts passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Unsworth one hundred and thirty seven Pounds ten shillings per Acct passed by the D. Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Ens. William Noyes one hundred and twenty six Pounds, seventeen shillings and six Pence due him ꝑ Acct passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut. Isaac Duvall one hundred and seventy eight Pounds, two shillings and six Pence due him ꝑ Acct passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Samuel Chase Esqr eighteen thousand, nine hundred and thirty two Pounds, sixteen shillings for the Use of John Dorsey &Co the Bala due them for Goods Purchased by the Govr & Council for the use of the Army.

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That the said Treasurer pay to Com° Thomas Grason one hundred & fifty Pounds on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Hindman Esqr Eight hundred and fourteen Pounds, ten shillings for the use of James Hindman Esqr the Compensation made him by the General Assembly as a Councellor to the late Governor.

That the Collector of the Tax for Montgomery County pay to Solomon Stympson a Comm^r for said County one thousand Pounds and also to Thomas McCubbin a Comm^r for said County five hundred Pounds to enable them to carry into Execution the Act for the immediate Supply of Flour and other Provision for the Army.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Francis Fairbrother of the 1st and John Holden of the 5th Reg^t each a p^r of Shoes to be charged to the said Regim^ts

Commissions issued to Geo. Hoskinson app^d Capt. in the room of William Blackmore John Dowden 1 Lieut, Walter Harding 2^d Lieut. Mathew Wilson Ens. John Sommers Capt. in the room of Thomas Hays, Hezekiah Veach 1 Lieut, Walter White 2^d Lieut, Hugh Hoskinson Ens. Charles Gassaway Capt in the room of Wm Vearse, Benj^a Sommers 1st Lieut. Samuel Dyson 2^d Lieut. Lawrence Allnut Ens. George Walter Capt. in the room of Jn° Walter, Samuel Watson 1 Lieut. William Hickman 2^d Lieut, & John Steal Ens. of the Upper Battalion of Militia in Montgomery County. also to Benj. Ray Capt. in the room of Zeph^a Beall. Brock Mockby Capt. in the room of Geo. Cullum, Nathan Linthecum 1st Lieut Thomas Nicholls 2 Lieut, Benoni Dorsen Ens. John Dickinson Capt in the room of Benjamin Gaither, John W. Moore 1st Lieut, Stephen Holland 2^d Lieut, Zadock Dickinson Ens.—Thomas Conner Capt. in the room of Nich^s Ray, Samuel Crow 1 Lieut. Hezekiah Griffith Capt. in the room of John Bruce, Benj. Ricketts 1st Lieut. & Benj. Gray 2^d Lieut. belonging to the Middle Battalion of Militia in the said County—and also to
p. 129 Samuel Beall of Saml appointed 1st Lieut, Anthony Willcoxen 2 Lieut and George Willcoxen Ens of Samuel Swearinghams Comp^y belonging to the Lower Battalion of Militia in Montgomery County.

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[Council to The Baron DeKalb]

Sir We had the Honor of receiving your Letter of the 13th ult. Yesterday Afternoon. The Hōnble Genl Assembly of this State are about to meet and to them we shall refer the Consideration of the Subject you are pleased to recommend to our Attention

[Council to Colo. Solomon Stympson]

Sir We received yours of the 13th Instant. As we have sent you, by Mr Thomas an Order on the Collector for £1500, we think the enclosed Order for £1000 more may be sufficient for the necessary

Purposes not provided for by the Law. As we have not any printed Certificates of the Kind you mention we hope you will be able to transact the Business agreeable to the Form we delivered you. We do not think it would be proper to make any further Purchases at a higher Price than you have already given

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[Council to Mr. Thomas Maccubbin]

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Sir Enclosed is an Order on the Collector for £500 to be expended in those Purposes not provided by the Law and necessary for the Execution of it

Monday 27 March 1780

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Present as on Saturday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. John Green three hundred and forty eight Pounds fifteen shillings and ten Pence due him ꝑ Acct. passed by the Dep^{y} Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to the said John Green thirteen Pounds due him ꝑ Account passed by the Dep^{y} Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut. James Bruff of the 6th Regim^{t} five thousand Dollars to be expended in the Recruiting Service & Accounted for.

That the Collector of the Tax for Baltimore County pay to Capt. John Smith of the 3^{d} Regim^{t} three thousand Dollars to be by him expended in the Recruiting Service & Accounted for.

That Capt. George Keeports deliver to Ens. John Smoot of the 1st Brigade 3¼ yds. Cloth 3 yds shalloon & 1 piece of Brittanies of the 3^{d} Quality in part of the Articles &c^{a}

That Capt. Geo. Keeports deliver to Lieut James Bruff of the 6 Regim^{t} Cloth suff^{t} for a Waistcoat & Breeches with Trimmings for a Suit of Cloathis and 1 p^{s} Brittanies of the 2^{d} Quality in part of the Articles all^{d} by the Genl Assembly.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Ens. John Smoot of 1st Brigade 3 yds Linen for Lining and 2 p^{r} Stockings in part of the Articles &c^{a}

That the western shore Treasurer pay to John Crisall five hundred Pounds on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to Aquila Paca Esqr Twenty thousand Pounds to be delivered over to Richard Dallam Esqr on Account.

Mr Robert Berry agrees to take Charge of the Boat Plater &c^{a} and to continue in her for six Months from this Day upon the following Terms. Mr Berry is to be paid £200 ꝑ Month and allowed 5 Gallons of Rum, half of a pound of Bohea Tea, six Pounds of Coffee & ten Pounds of Brown Sugar for the use of himself and Hands a Month Mr Berry thinks four Men and a Boy will be sufficient to work & manage the Boat.

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[Council to Richard Dallam Esqr.]

Sir Your Letter of the 21st Inst. came to Hand this Day. The Commissioners are directed by the Law, to give Certificates for the Hire of Waggons &ca and for Works and Labour done in carrying the Act into Execution, so that we cannot consistent with our Duty transmit you Money for those Services, the Law having prescribed a different Mode of Payment. We have given Mr Paca an Order on the Western Shore Treasurer in your Favor for 20,000£ on Account

It is not in our Power, at present to ascertain what is due to you, when that can be done we will endeavour to pay you the Balance if any.

[Council to Capt. George P. Keeports]

Sir We received your Letter of the 21st Inst and think it will be best for you to have a sufficient Number of Shoes made for the Soldiers and to engage the Shoemakers of your Town to make them for a certain Price and you must make the best Contract for the State you can. You must have Coats made out of the Cloth suitable for the Recruits and Coatees out of the Shalloons and Ratteens bought of Dorsey and Hammond if the Recruits will take them in Lieu of Cloth Coats. You must have as many Dozen Coat and Waistcoat Buttons made as on a Calculation will be sufficient for the Officers belonging to all the Regiments. We have enclosed you an Order on the Collector of Baltimore County, for six thousand Pounds. Mr Muir has Directions to supply you with Buttons made here for the Soldiers Cloathing. Please to send us by the first Opportunity a Return of the Military Stores under your Care.

[Shalloon was a closely woven woolen cloth. Ratteen was a thick twilled woolen cloth]

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Tuesday 28 March 1780

Present as on Yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Alex. Contee Hanson Esqr three thousand and fifty seven Pounds, ten shillings due him as Judge of the Genl Court to the 1st Instant per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Stephen West Esqr three thousand seven hundred & fifty Pounds to be expended in Wood & other Necessaries for the support of the Board of Commissioners for Settling public Accounts to be Accounted for.

That Henry Dickinson Esqr Treasurer of the Eastern shore pay over to Thomas Harwood Esqr Treasurer of the western shore one hundred and forty two thousand, two hundred and thirty five Pounds, seventeen shillings & Eleven Pence to be Accounted for.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Patrick Lynch of 7th Regimt one Shirt

That the said Com^y deliver to Thompson Murray a recruit for 1st Reg^t one Suit of Cloaths the Bounty all^d by the Genl Assembly. Liber C B No. 23

[Council to the Lieuts. of the several Counties] Liber C C No. 22 p. 81

Sir A Committee of the House of Delegates have applied to us for the Number of Recruits enlisted in this State under the Act for recruiting the Quota of Troops &^ca The Recruiting Officers have not made their Returns though we have requested them to do it, which is the Cause of our troubling you to procure Lists from the several Field Officers of your County, of the Men passed by them and to transmit them together with a List of those passed by yourself immediately to this Board, that the Committee may make their Report, which cannot be done, 'til you and the Lieutenants of the other Counties favour us with the Returns. The Importance of the Recruiting Service will induce you to send the Lists as soon as possible that proper Measures may be taken this Session, if the Deficiency should be considerable, to fill up our Quota

Wednesday 29 March 1780. March 29 Liber C B No. 23 p. 130

Present as on Yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Mrs. Mary Ghiselin, six hundred and forty five Pounds, sixteen shillings & Eight Pence due her ꝑ Acc^t passed by the Aud. G^l

That the said Treasurer pay to Robert Berry five hundred Pounds on Acc^t

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Thomas Armstrong a 9 Months Soldier in the 6th Regim^t Discharged the Amount of Twenty nine Pounds ten shillings in Cloathing due him by an Act to procure Troops for the American Army.

That the said Commissary deliver to Patrick Lynch of 7 Regim^t one p^r Breeches.

Permission is hereby given to Mrs Ann Connolly, Margaret Connolly and Rachel the Daughter of the Latter, all of this State, to solicit Leave from his Excellency General Washington or the Commanding Officer at the Out Posts of the American Army at Elizabeth Town to go into the City of New York with a View of going immediately to Ireland, not to return again into this State during the present War, between America and Great Britain without the Leave of the Governor & Council for the Time being, first had and obtained.

Thursday 30 March 1780 March 30

Present as on Yesterday.

In Virtue of a Resolve of the General Assembly of the 29th Inst. License is hereby granted to Mr Monbos to ship on board Lebon

Liber C B No. 23 homme Richard, one hundred Barrels of Flour and one hundred and fifty Barrels of Bread for the Use of le Fier Rodrique a Sixty four Gun Ship le Peron of Twenty two Guns les dern Elennes of Sixteen Guns, Lebon homme Richard also a Ship & two Briggs all now lying in Virginia, Provided that Mr Monbos on Clearing out Lebon homme Richard make Oath that the Provisions permitted to be exported are intended for the use of the Crews of the Vessels above mentioned and not for Sale.

Ordered That Mr John Shaw deliver to Capt. Berry of the Plater Lead suffi for Aprons for 8 Swivels and 8l powder.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to John Brice Esqr six hundred and Eighty Pounds for his Attenda in Council to this Inst. inclusive.—

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Robert Berry six hundred Pounds on Acct

Mr Robert Mundell is recommended by this Board to His Excellency Genl Washington or the Commanding Officer at Elizabeth Town for his Licence to go into the City of New York for the Purpose of obtaining a Passage to Great Britain

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[Council to Mr Samuel Purviance.]

Sir Enclosed you have a Copy of Slops delivered by Order of the Governor and Council to Capt. James Nicholson for the Use of the Conqueror Galley We are in Want of those Articles and have ordered Capt. Berry to wait on you and receive them. It appears by a Memorandum at the Foot of the Account that Captain Nicholson received some Casks, the Number we cannot ascertain, belonging to the State, which were to have been returned.

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Friday 31 March 1780

Present as on Yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esqr four thousand one hundred and sixty six Pounds, thirteen shillings & four Pence for the use of the Honble John Rogers due him for 4 Months Salary as Chancellor to 1st Inst.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Hemsley Esqr Twenty five thousand Pounds in part payment for two hundred Barrels of Flour Purchased of him by this Board.

p. 131 William Middleton agrees to take Charge of the Boat Dolphin &Ca and to continue in her for six Months from this Day upon the following Terms. Mr Middleton is to be paid £200 ꝑ month and allowed five Gallons of Rum half of a pound of Bohea Tea six Pounds of Coffee and ten pounds of brown Sugar for the use of himself and

hands a Month, Mr Middleton thinks four hands and a Boy will be sufficient to work and manage the Boat. Liber C B No. 23

In Virtue of a Resolve of the General Assembly of the 30th Instant Permission is hereby given to Captain Nathaniel Mitchell to transport from this State to the Islands of Bermuda Eleven hundred Bushels of Indian Corn in the Sloop Fanny for the relief of the Inhabitants of the said Islands Provided the said Mitchell his Officers and Crew previously to the Vessels Clearing out take the Oath prescribed by the 17 Section of the Act to Prohibit for a Limitted time the exportation of Wheat Flour &c^{a}

Agreeably to a Resolve of the General Assembly of the 3^{d} Inst. Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to David Poe Esqr acting in the Quarter Masters Department in Baltimore Town fifteen thousand Pounds for the use of his Department which said Sum is to be charged to the United States and for which the said David Poe is to be Accountable.

On the Petition of Empson Bird and William Currer of Cecil County, Ordered that they be relieved from the Collection of the present Assessment of £5 in the C^{t}

Joseph Wilkes a Matross in Baltimore Town enlisted in Jany 1776 by Maj^{r} Nathl Smith, appearing by his representation to be unfit for Service the said Wilkes is hereby discharged.

The Governor & Council agree with Mr Hemsley for 200 Bbles of Sup-fine flour & the Middlings which come out of that Flour at 70£ ꝑ C^{t} and 12 Doll^{rs} ꝑ Barrel.

Commissions issued to Joseph Robinson, Ezekiel Vickars & Levin Kirkman app^{d} Coroners of Dorchester County and also to William Ennalls, John Dickinson, Joseph Richardson Edward Noel and Thomas Firmin Eccleston appointed Judges of the Orphans Court for Dorchester County.

[Council to the Collector of the Tax for Cecil County] Liber C C No. 22 p. 82

Sir Empson Bird and William Currer of Cecil County have, by their Petitions set forth to us that they suffered very considerable Losses by the Enemy in the year 1777. Empson Bird, that he had taken from him by the Enemy one mulatto Man, one Negro Woman a Horse, Saddle and Bridle, and William Currer that he had taken from him, four able bodied Negro Men and it appearing to us by their Depositions and the Depositions of others that the said Facts are true, and we esteeming it proper that the Collection of the present Assessments of the said Empson Bird and William Currer of five Pounds in the Hundred Pounds should be suspended, do direct you not to collect the same or any Part thereof from either of them, and if collected, to refund the same.

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Saturday 1st April 1780.

Present as on Yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Thomas Johnson jr four hundred and sixteen Pounds, thirteen shillings & four Pence due him per 1 mo Salary as Cł to the Gov. &Co to 1st Inst.

That the said Treasurer pay to Robert Reith one hundred and twenty five Pounds due him for 1 mo Salary as Messenger this Day.

That the said Treasurer pay to Colo Uriah Forrest Aud. Genl one thousand and forty one Pounds thirteen shillings & four Pence due him for 1 mo Salary to this Inst.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. John Smoot, forty eight Pounds to be delivered over to Nathan Bradley due him ꝑ Acct passed by the Aud Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Michl Boyer of the German Regt one hundred and Eighty one Pounds two shillings and six Pence ꝑ Acct passed by D. Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to the said Capt. Michl Boyer four thousand six hundred and fifty Dollars to be by him expended in the Recruiting Service & Accd for

That the said Treasurer pay to John Wilmot one hundred & thirty four Pounds due him ꝑ Acct passed by D. Aud.

p. 132 Ordered That Christr Edelin Collr of the Tax for Frederick County pay to Abraham Faw six thousand Dollars to be by him expended in Cloathing for the Army and Accounted for

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Serj. John Cheshire of the 7th Regimt 1 Shirt, 1 pr Shoes, 1 Jacket and 1 pr Breeches.

That Capt. George Keeports deliver to Capt. Michl Boyer of the German Regt a Suit of Cloaths for each of Michl Rightmire, John Larose, Wm Kennedy, Thomas Larymore Abraham Veatch, Joseph Martin and Jesse McKensey Recruits for the Maryld. Part of the Germ. Regt the Bounty due them by the late Act of Assembly.

That the said Capt George Keeports deliver to Capt. Michl Boyer 2 ps of Brittanies of the 2d Quality in part of the Articles Allowed by the Genl Assembly.

Doctr Gustavus Brown is recommended by this Board to His Excellency General Washington or the Commanding Officer at Elizabeth Town for his Licence to go into the City of New York for the Purpose of obtaining a Passage to great Britain, and under the Peculiar Circumstances of his Case to return again to this State agreeably to a Resolve of the House of Delegates of this date

On the Application of William Smith Esqr of Baltimore Town who is to this Purpose commissioned and Authorized by Mr Holker who is Agent for the Marine of his Most Christian Majesty; Licence is hereby granted to Lade and export in the Schooner's Holker and

Morris now lying in the Port of Baltimore, their Cargoes of Flour and other Provisions for the use of the Fleet and Army of his most Christian Majesty in the West Indies, the said Schooner's clearing out at the proper Office and the Captains complying with the Act of Ass^y in such Case made and Provided. Liber C B No. 23

[Council to Mr. Abraham Faw.] Liber C C No. 22 p. 82

Sir. We enclose you an Order on the Collector of the Tax for six thousand Dollars to pay for the 200 Hats you mention, with which you are to close your Purchases

[Council to The Commissioners for Baltimore Town]

Gentlemen The General Assembly in Conformity to a Requisition of Congress have requested us to direct fifteen thousand Barrels of Flour to be delivered to the Agent of France, including the Quantity he was heretofore permitted to purchase by Authority of this State. We therefore request you to have delivered to Mr William Smith of Baltimore Town, all the Flour and Wheat seized by you in Pursuance of the Act for the immediate Supply &^ca If any of the Wheat seized by you has been manufactured you must deliver the Flour &^ca produced therefrom to Mr Smith

[Council to William Smith Esqr.] p. 83

Sir You will perceive by the enclosed Resolve of the General Assembly that the Governor and Council are requested to direct a Quantity of Flour to be delivered to Mr Holker or his Agent which, with what he has been already permitted to purchase by the Authority of the State may in the Whole, compleat the Quantity of fifteen Thousand Barrels. It appears by a Letter from the President of Congress accompanying the Recommendation upon which the above Resolve is founded, that this State is to be credited with all the Flour with which the French is to be supplied exceeding the Quantity heretofore permitted to be purchased in this State for their Use. We cannot after the strictest Search among our Papers, discover, that the Minister or Agent of France, either by a direct Application to this State or through Congress or a Committee of Congress was ever allowed to purchase more than 8000 Barrels in the whole, for the Use of the Marine of France and must request you to inform us what Quantity the French Agent was permitted to purchase by the Authority of this State and if it exceeds 8000 Barrels, to point out when and in what Manner the Allowance of this State was obtained. We also desire you to inform us what Quantity has been purchased by you and your Deputies for the French Marine and how much has been Shipped by you for that Use, and when, and the Names of the Deputies employed by you. In desiring such precise Information from

Liber C C No. 22 you, we are actuated by the following Reasons; If the Agent of France, as has been insisted by Mr Holker, had Licence from this State to purchase 12000 Barrels; we shall have Credit for only 3000, but on the Contrary, if he was allowed to purchase only 8000 Barrels, we shall have a Right to claim a Deduction of 7000 Barrels out of the Quota of 20000 to be furnished by this State, agreeable to a Requisition of Congress of the 25th Febry last. We have sent you Permits to load the Schooners Holker and Morris with Flour for the Use of the French Fleet and Army and have directed the Commissioners of Baltimore Town to restore all the French Flour and Wheat in their Possession seized by them and if any of the Wheat has been manufactured, to deliver the Flour produced therefrom

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Monday 3d April 1780.

Present as on Saturday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to William Hyde four hundred and sixteen Pounds, thirteen shillings and four Pence for 1 mo Salary as Ast Ch. to the Governor and Council to the 1st Jnst.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Brown Esqr five thousand, Eight hundred and thirty seven Pounds, ten shillings for the use of William Carmichael ꝑ Acct passed by Aud. Gl

That the said Treasurer pay to Robert Reith fifty Eight Pounds ten shillings due him ꝑ Acct passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Colo Uriah Forrest six hundred and sixty seven Pounds, nine shillings and ten Pence and two hundred and Eight Pounds ten shillings for the use of Nathl Smith ꝑ Acct passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Johnson junr ten thousand Pounds for the use of Capt. Geo. Keeports on Acct

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to John Rivers of the first Maryland Regiment one pair of shoes to be charged to the said Regimt

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to Joseph Law a Recruit for the 1st Regiment one Suit of Cloaths the Bounty allowed by the late Act of the Genl Assembly.

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Tuesday 4 April 1780.

Present as on Yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Ens. William Smoot of the 1st Regimt Ninty two Pounds due him ꝑ Acct passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to James Tootell, five hundred and twenty three Pounds seven shillings and ten pence half penny for the use of John Bolton ꝑ Acc^{t} passed by the Dep^{y} Aud. Liber C B No. 23

[Council to Capt. George Hamilton 5th Regt] Liber C C No. 22 p. 83

Sir. We have wrote to Mr Keeports to supply you with Cloathing for your Recruits

[Council to Capt. Richard Dorsey.]

Sir We intend to send the Linen for the Officers to Camp in a few Days, where you will have an Opportunity of being supplied, in Proportion to the Quantity that will be on Hand to be distributed

[Council to Capt. George P. Keeports.] p. 84

Sir We have received yours of the 29th ult^{o} and 1st Inst. and shall send you by the first good Opportunity ten thousand Pounds to be expended in the purchasing of the sewing Silk and paying for the Making of the Officers Buttons, the remainder to be laid out in Shoes. If you cannot wait for the Payment of our Order on the Collector, return it and the Money shall be sent you. If you can exchange the Shalloons on Hand for such as will be suitable, we request you to do it on the best Terms you can, unless the Recruits are willing to receive it for the Coats allowed them by the State, and if a sufficient Quantity cannot be had that way. It will be proper to engage it as we propose sending the Linen and other Things on Hand to Camp in a few Days. We shall be glad to know if any suitable Trimmings can be obtained. The Governor has wrote to Mr Hudson about the Blankets. Capt. George Hamilton applies for Cloathing for his Recruits: we have already wrote you to have the Cloth made up; on his Application, you will supply him with the State Bounty as far as you can, on his making a Return of his Men and giving you a Receipt.

Wednesday 5 April 1780. Liber C B No. 23 p. 133 April 5

Present as on Yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to David Reese, Twenty six thousand six hundred and fifteen Pounds, seventeen shillings and six Pence for the use of Daniel Bowly due him for the Goods Purchased by the Governor & Council for the use of the Army.

That the said Treasurer pay to Serj^{t} John Lindiff two thousand Dollars to be by him expended in the Recruiting Service and Accounted for.

Liber C B No. 23 That the said Treasurer pay to Richard Keene a Comm^{r} for Caroline County one thousand Pounds to enable him to Carry into Execution the Act for the immediate Supply of Flour and other Provisions for the Army on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Sands forty five Pounds due him per Account passed by the Dep^{y} Aud.

That the Eastern shore Treasurer pay to Nathaniel Potter one thousand Dollars to enable him to Carry into Execution the Act for the immediate Supply of Flour &c^{a}

It appearing from a Certificate of the President of the State of Delaware of the 20th of March last Deposited with this Board, that Freeborn Garretson who hath given Bond for his Personal appearance before the Executive Council of the said State of Delaware, that the Tennor of the said Bond is complyed with. It is therefore Ordered that the same be Cancelled.

On the Application of William Smith Esqr of Baltimore Town who is to this Purpose commissioned and Authorized by Mr Holker who is Agent for the Marine of His most Christian Majesty Licence is hereby granted to Lade and Export in the Schooner Baltimore now lying in the Port of Baltimore, her Cargoe of Flour and other Provisions for the use of the Fleet and Army of his most Christian Majesty in the West Indies, the said Schooner clearing out at the proper Office and the Captain complying with the Act of Assembly in such Case made and Provided.

Commission issued to Robert Berry appointed Captain of the State Boat Plater.

Commission issued to Richard Ellis appointed Surveyor of Cecil County in the room of Hez^{a} South resigned and also to John Page appointed Sheriff of Kent County in the room of William Hall deceased.

Robert Smith is recommended by this Board to His Excellency Genl Washington or the commanding Officer at Elizabeth Town for his Licence to go into the City of New York for the Purpose of obtaining a Passage to Great Britain agreeably to a Resolve of the House of Delegates of the 31 of March.

Commissions issued to Richd B. Carmichael app^{d} Capt. in the room of John Dames, Henry D. Coursey 1 Lt Saml W. Thomas 2^{d} Lt Robert Dawson Ens. Ch^{s} Cooke Capt. in the room John R. Emory, Thomas Bailey 1 Lt James Stinson 2^{d} Lt James Austin Ens. and
p. 134 also to John Dawes appointed Maj^{r} of the 20th Battalion of Militia in Queen Anns County.

Liber C C No. 22 p. 84 [Council to The Naval Officer at Baltimore]

Sir On Mr William Smith's Application to export 500 Barrels of Flour and the same of Bread, to Virginia for the Use of the

French Marine, Permits are to be granted under similar Restrictions expressed in our other Permits for that Purpose Liber C C No. 22

[Council to Wm. Smith, Esqr.]

Sir. Your Letters of the 3d Instant, we have received and have sent a Permit to load the Schooner Baltimore and a Copy of the Resolve of the Genl Assembly of the 30th March which our Secretary was directed to enclose in our last we shall write to the Naval Officer of Baltimore to permit you to export the Quantity of 500 Barrels of Bread and 500 of Flour, to Virginia for the use of the French Marine. The French Agent is not at Liberty to continue his Purchases; such a Quantity of Flour will be delivered to him by our Order, as with what he has already been permitted to purchase, will make in the whole 15:000 Barrels. We are anxious to have the precise Quantity purchased by you and your Deputies ascertained as speedily as possible, that we may give Directions to have the enclosed Resolve fully complied with. The Extract of our Letter of the 17th Iany last which you obtained by Accident appears to have given you more Uneasiness than we think any Expressions contained therein can justly excite: those Parts which you deem so offensive, have p. 85 not any Allusion to you or your Conduct, they relate to those Persons who, desirous of deriving considerable Advantages from their illegal Purchases and contriving to elude the Law, pretended that the Wheat and Flour in their Possession was purchased for the French, expecting thereby, to exempt those Articles from Seizure. Our Letter was wrote to the Commissioners of Cecil in Consequence of Information received from them, that many Obstacles were thrown in their way to retard, if not prevent the Execution of the Law and particularly that the Possessors of Wheat and Flour to avoid a Seizure, pretended they were purchased for the French, and was a Direction to them pointing out the Line of Conduct to be pursued under the Law in procuring Supplies for the Army and was calculated to frustrate the Artifices of pretended French Agents, who were sedulous in Attempts to defeat the desirable End of the Law. We have laid all the Letters and Papers that relate to the Seizure of French Flour and the Part you have taken therein, before the General Assembly and we make no Doubt that, that Body, on your Application, will afford you an Opportunity of vindicating your Character and freeing it from the Aspersion attempted to be cast on it

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Present as on Yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Robert Berry two hundred and ninty seven Pounds, seven shillings and six Pence due him ꝑ Acct passed by the D. Aud.

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That the said Treasurer pay to Daniel Jenifer twenty five Pounds four shillings due him p^r Acc^t passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Allen Quynn Esqr four hundred and thirty Eight Pounds seven shillings and six Pence p acc^ts passed by the D. Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Middleton two hundred and ninty seven Pounds seven shillings and six Pence due him p Acc^t passed by the D. Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Elie Vallette six hundred and twenty five Pounds due him p Acc^t passed by the Aud. Genl

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Robert Bailey, Andrew Hughes, and Edward Edwards of the 1 Reg^r James Eady, Neil Jones, Roger Landers William Newcomb, James Mason, Lambert Thompson and Joseph Ray of the 2^d Regiment each one Shirt to be charged to the several Regim^ts

Commission of Letter of Marque & Reprisal issued to Levin Trippe Comm^r of the Schooner Isabella 60 Tons burthen, navigated by 15 Men, mounting 6 Carriage Guns four Swivels and 8 Musketts, belonging to William Neil of Baltimore Town.

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[Council to John Needles Esqr. Shff of Talbot County]

Sir The Enclosure is a Copy of the Law for the Adjournment of the General Court for the Eastern shore, which passed the Seals Yesterday. You are requested to publish it immediately in Talbot County and give the earliest Notice of the Adjournment to the Sheriffs of Queen Ann's, Caroline and Dorchester, who may have Opportunities of informing the People from the upper and lower as well as those of their respective Counties, by which Inconvenience and Expence of Attending will be avoided

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Friday 7 April 1780.

Present as on Yesterday—

Ordered That Capt. George Keeports deliver to Ens John Lowe of the 2^d Regim^t 3¼ yds. Cloth, and 3 yds shalloon in part of the Articles Allowed by the Genl Assembly.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to the said John Lowe 3 yds Linen for Lining in part of the Articles &^ca

That the said Commissary deliver to Hampton Coursey, a recruit for the 2^d Regim^t Samuel Davis, James Currer, John Blair, & Charles Cramphin recruits for the 7 Reg^t and also to Alexander Austin and John Murrens and John Sewell Recruits for the Reg^t lately Rawlings's each one Suit of Cloaths, the Bounty allowed by the late Act of Assembly.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Joseph Wilson j^{r} one hundred and thirty Pounds eleven shillings and three Pence due him ꝑ acc^{t} passed by the Aud. Genl Liber C B No. 23

That the said Treasurer pay to Lt Samuel Farmer Eight thousand Pounds to be delivered over to George Keeports to be applied in the Purchase of Cloathing for the Army & also the further sum of Twelve thousand, five hundred Pounds to be delivered to the said Geo. Keeports to be expended in the Purchase of Blanketts on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Ens John Lowe of the 2^{d} Regim^{t} four hundred and fifty Dollars the Bounty paid Hampton Coursey enlisted by him and one hundred Dollars the allowance for enlisting the said Coursey.

That the said Treasurer pay to Joshua Frazier, nine hundred & ninty seven Pounds six shillings & eight Pence ꝑ Acc^{t} passed by the D. Aud.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Mrs. R. Maybury 9 yds Dowlas for 6 yds of sheeting delivered by her to Doct^{r} Johnson for the Hospital in June last. p. 135

That Samuel Nicholls Collector of the Tax for Montgomery County pay to Lieut. Samuel Farmer of the 3^{d} Regim^{t} Eight thousand Dollars to be expended in the recruit^{g} Service and Accounted for. [Dowlas, named from Doulas in Brittany, was a coarse linen]

That the said Collector pay to Capt. Lloyd Beall Eight thousand Dollars to be expended in the recruiting Service and Accounted for.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Aquila Paca Esqr five thousand Pounds for the use of Richard Dallam, Ignatius Wheeler jun^{r} and Edmund Talbot Comm^{rs} for Harford County to enable them to carry into Execution the Act for the immediate Supply of Flour and other Provisions for the Army and to be accounted for.

Commissions issued to Charles Jones, Edward Burgess, Oneas Campbell, Joseph Wilson Samuel W. Magruder, James Offutt, Richard Thompson, Walter Beall, Henry Gaither, Richd Wootton, Richard Smith, Charles Hungerford, Geo. Beall j^{r} Thomas Beall, Richd Orme, John Holmes and William Smith appointed Justices of the Peace for Montgomery County and also to Charles Jones, Edward Burgess, Æneas Campbell, Joseph Wilson and Richard Wootton appointed Judges of the Orphans Court for the County aforesaid.

[Council to Capt. Geo. P. Keeports]

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Sir By Mr Farmer we have sent you £8000. with a Part of which we wish you to continue the Purchase of Shoes, as it is not improbable but that there may be pressing Demands from the Army for them, in a little Time: and we have sent you the further Sum of £12,500 to purchase 100 of Mr Hudson's Blankets; though anxious

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to procure a Number of Blankets, we cannot think of taking the whole on Mr Hudson's Terms, you will therefore communicate this to him.

[Council to Richd Dallam Esqr]

Sir We have received yours of the 2d Inst your other Letters to us being before a Committee of the House of Delegates, we cannot, at present enter fully into the Subject of your last and we think it would be proper for you to send us a general State of your Account, that we may have some Rule to judge by, in complying with your Request for a further Sum. As only a small Part of the Order we
p. 86 drew on the Collector the 27th Decr last for £30,000 is complied with and we presume no further Sum will be received on that Order, and by Information just received from the Board of War, the Army still remains in an alarming Situation for the Want of Provisions, we have enclosed an Order on the present Collector for five thousand Pounds and have delivered to Mr Paca five thousand Pounds more, to be forwarded to you; both these Orders are in Favor of the Commissioners of Harford and to be expended in carrying the Act for the immediate Supply &ca into Execution.

[Council to Mr. Edmund Talbot, Harford County]

Sir We have received yours of the 30th Ulto and have this Day sent Mr Dallam an Order on the present Collector for five thousand Pounds, and a Sum of Money to the same Amount, to be expended by the Commissioners in carrying into Execution the Act for the immediate Supply &ca The Army continues to be in an alarming Situation for the Want of Provisions and requires the utmost Exertions to relieve them

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Saturday 8 April 1780

Present as on Yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to William Middleton five hundred Pounds on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Berryman one hundred and Fifty nine Pounds due him per Account passed by the D. Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lt James Skinner one hundred and Fifty four Pounds, three shillings and nine Pence due him ꝑ acct passed by the D. Aud.

That the Eastern shore Treasurer pay to, John Page, Isaac Perkins and Josiah Johnson Commrs for Kent County six thousand Pounds to enable them to carry into Execution the Act for the immediate Supply of Flour and other Provisions for the Army to be accounted for.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to William Middleton 10 hanks of Marline for the use of the Dolphin. Liber C B No. 23 [Marline is a small line of two strands]

That the said Commissary deliver to Barrack Butt of the 2d Regiment one Shirt and 1 pr stockings to be charged to the said Regimt

That Capt. Geo. Keeports deliver to Capt. David Lynn of the 7th Regimt one ps Brittanies of the 2d Quality to Capt. William Dent Beall of the 6 Regt 1 piece of Brittanies of the 2d Quality and also to Colo Nathl Ramsey one ps of Brittanies of the first Quality in part of the Articles allowed to the Officers of the Maryld Line by the G. Assembly.

[Council to Colo. Isaac Perkins] Liber C C No. 22 p. 86

Sir, We have received yours of the 2d Instant with its Several Enclosures. The sending to Camp a Part of the French Purchases, may be productive of Inconveniencies, however the Motives you assign for the Measure, will justify it, if any Thing can; you will take Care to retain as much in your Hands, in or near the same Neighbourhood, from which you sent the French Flour, as will be sufficient to replace the full Quantity. You have enclosed, the Certificates, and an Order on the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore for £6000 to enable the Commissioners of Kent County to carry the Law for the Supply &ca into Execution

[Council to Mr. Josiah Johnson, Kent County] Liber C C No. 22 p. 86

Sir We this Day received yours of the 8th ulto and have laid it before the General Assembly. It will not be proper to remove the Flour said to be French Property; if it turns out such, it is to be returned and we request you to inform us immediately in whose Hands the Flour was seized, and we shall give our Orders accordingly. The Army continues in an alarming Situation for Want of Provisions and your utmost Exertions are necessary

[Council to the Naval Officer at Baltimore] p. 87

Sir Mr Stephen Steward who has the Conduct of the Ship Chase, the Property of the Continent destined for Europe, is under some Apprehensions that he may meet with Difficulties in sending the Necessary Quantities of Provisions from Baltimore to Patuxent where the Ship now lies, for the Use of her Crew. We think under the 8th Section of the Act to prohibit for a limited Time &ca you may with Propriety give the desired Indulgence, what Quantity may be sufficient for her Passengers and Mariners to her Port of Delivery and Return, you are more competent to judge of then we are.

[Council to Capt Geo P. Keeports]

Sir Col. Ramsay being on his Return to New York, we request you to procure him Cloth &ca sufficient for a suit of Regimental Uniform, suitable to his Station, and the Amount shall be transmitted to you, on your sending the Account.

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[Council to the Board of War]

Gentlemen We have been informed there have been frequent Instances of States exchanging Officers taken by the Militia for those of their respective States, in the Hands of the Enemy even without an Application to your Honorable Board or His Excellency. If we are rightly informed, and such Practice has generally prevailed and been acquiesced in, it is our earnest Desire that Lieu^{t} Colonel Connelly who was captivated in this State and is now in your Custody, being deemed and adjudged by Congress a Prisoner of War and redeemable, should be exchanged for Lieu^{t} Col^{o} Ramsay, an Officer of extraordinary and distinguished Merit in the Maryland Line. As those Gentlemen are equal in Rank, we flatter ourselves no Objection can be made to such Exchange. This Application would not have been so long neglected, if we had not expected that a general Cartel would have been established and rendered it unnecessary.

[Council to His Ex'y Gen'l Washington]

Sir We have wrote to the Board of War, requesting that Lieu^{t} Col^{o} Connelly, who was captivated in this State, and is adjudged by Congress, a Prisoner of War and redeemable, may be exchanged for Lieu^{t} Col^{o} Ramsay, an Officer in the Maryland Line. The extraordinary Merit of this Gentleman makes us very solicitous, that this Exchange should take Place and has induced us to desire your Excellency's Interposition in his Favor, if it should be approved by you. We are informed that there have been several Instances of such Exchanges having been made to the Advantage of other States, and from thence are led to hope there will be no Difficulty in complying with our Request in the first Instance

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Monday 10th April 1780.

Present as on Saturday—

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Thomas Windham a recruit for the 1st Regim^{t} a Suit of Cloaths the Bounty all^{d} by the Act of Assembly.

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Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. Henry Gaither of the 1st Regim^{t} five thousand Dollars to be expended in the recruiting Service and Accounted for.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Lowe one hundred and thirty five Pounds, ten shillings due him per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to John Forbes Ext^{r} of James Forbes deceased three thousand one hundred and seventy Pounds ꝑ Acc^{t} passed by the Aud. Genl

[Council to Mr David Poe Q. M.]

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Sir This has been for some Time and at present is a Place of Rendezvous for a Number of Soldiers and Recruits belonging to the Continental Army and how long Circumstances may require the Detention of them, we know not but must request you to send us an immediate supply of Pork, we think two Waggon Loads would suffice hitherto they have subsisted upon the State Provisions which are now nearly exhausted.

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Present as on Yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to John Wilmot jun^{r} Two hundred and Eighty Eight Pounds due him ꝑ Acc^{t} passed by the Dep^{y} Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Francis Dallam, Fifteen thousand Pounds to be delivered over to Col^{o} Richard Dallam on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to the said Francis Dallam Twenty nine Pounds six shillings and Eight pence for the use of Capt. Wm Bradford & his Comp^{y} ꝑ Acc^{t} pass^{d} by A. G^{l}

That the said Treasurer pay to Richard Sprigg Esqr nine hundred and thirty eight Pounds due him ꝑ Acc^{t} passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to William Yieldhall four hundred Pounds due him ꝑ Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Dennis Kelly & Nicholas Nicholson recruits for the 1st Regim^{t} each one Suit of Cloaths the Bounty all^{d} by the Genl Assembly.

That the said Commissary deliver to Col^{o} Uriah Forrest 14 Blanketts.

Lieut. Adam Hoops of the 4th Maryland Regim^{t} recommended to the Board of War as Capt Lieut in the room of Capt. Lieut. Cromwell who resigned 15 Dec. 1779.

Commission of Letter of Marque & Reprisal issued to Joseph Greenway Comm^{r} of the Brigantine Virginia burthen 100 Tons, navigated by 24 Men, mounting 8 Carriage Guns 4 Swivels and 8 Musketts, belonging to Hooe & Harrisons of Alexandria Virginia.

Miss Elizabeth Allen of Frederick County is recommended by this Board to His Excellency Genl Washington or the Commanding Officer at Elizabeth Town for his Licence to go into the City of New York for the Purpose of obtaining a Passage to Great Britain agreeably to a Resolve of the House of Delegates of the 11 April & the Like Permission & Recommendation granted to Major Sweeney to go into the City of New York for the Purpose of obtaining a Passage to Ireland agreeably to a Resolve of the House of Delegates of 4th of April.

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[Council to Richard Dallam Esqr]

Sir We send you by your Brother fifteen thousand Pounds, which is as much as the State of the Treasury and other pressing Calls will at present admit. We shall, in a short Time have it more in our Power to determine on what is to be done about the Bran, Shorts and Ship Stuff. If the Maryland Troops move to the Southward, of which we have received some, tho' not official, Information, there will, probably be a sufficient Demand for it

[Council to Colo. Edward Gaither]

Sir The Difficulty you are under, in Consequence of your Contract with Thos Maccaulley appears to us to have arose from your purchasing instead of seizing the Corn in his Possession. You have still a Power of seizing it, which you ought to do and pursue the Directions of the Law. Some Certificates are sent by the Bearer.

[Council to Colo. Josias Carvil Hall.]

Sir—We received your Favor of the 6th Inst and have agreeable to your Request, appointed Adam Hoops Capt Lieut to fill the Vacancy occasioned by the Resignation of Mr Cromwell. Mr John Randall was appointed an Ensign, but the Board of War refused to commission him, his being State Agent at the Time, we conjecture to be the Reason, and therefore conclude a Reappointment previous to his Resignation, would be unnecessary. We cannot appoint Mr James Clark, consistent with the Recommendation of Congress. by which we are desired to forbear any further Appointments. We shall transmit a Certificate of the Appointment of Capt Hoops, to the Board of War. By an Act passed in October 1777, the County Courts are empowered to afford Assistance to the Families of Recruits raised in Virtue of it, during the Absence of such Recruits, if they stand in Need, and we observe similar Clauses are inserted in the subsequent recruiting Acts. The Soldiers that enlisted prior to October 1777, under former Laws, are not comprehended within the Letter of either of those Clauses, but we have no Doubt of their being within the Spirit, and think their Families equally entitled to the Assistance of the Public

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Wednesday 12th April 1780

Present as on Yesterday.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Thomas Morman a Recruit for the 6 Regt one Suit of Cloaths the Bounty alld by the Genl Assy

That the said Commissary deliver to Ens Henry Clements 3 yds Linen for Lining 2 pr Stockings in part of the Articles allowed by the Genl Assembly.

That the said Com^{y} Deliver to Capt. Jos. Smith of Nathl Gists Reg. 3 yds Linen for Lining & 2 p^{r} Stockings in part of the Articles &c^{a} Liber C B No. 23

Ordered That Capt. Geo. Keeports deliver to Ens. Henry Clements Cloth suff^{t} for a Suit of Cloaths, 3 yds shalloon and 1 p^{s} Brittanies of the 3^{d} Quality in part of the Articles all^{d} &c^{a} p. 137

That the said Capt. Geo. Keeports deliver to Capt. Joseph Smith of the Maryland part of Col^{o} Nathl Gists Regim^{t} Cloth suff^{t} for a Suit of Cloaths & 2 p^{s} Brittanies of the second Quality in part of the Articles allowed by the General Assembly.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to his Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esqr Two thousand and Eighty three Pounds, six shillings and Eight Pence for 1 m^{o} Salary to this Instant

That the said Treasurer pay to John Burgess Esqr three Pounds for the use of Henry Owings due him ꝑ Account passed by the D. Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Ann Williams one hundred and thirty five Pounds due her ꝑ Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to John Bullen Ass^{t} Dep^{y} Q^{r} Mast^{r} Genl at the Post of Annapolis five thousand Pounds for the use of his Department to be charged to the United States agreeably to a Resolve of the General Assembly of the 10 Inst.

That the said Treasurer pay to the said John Bullen five hundred and sixty two Pounds, ninteen shillings due him ꝑ Acc^{t} passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Jonathan Parker five hundred and forty Pounds due him ꝑ Account passed by the Aud. Genl—

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Samuel Sadler one hundred and ninteen Pounds, fifteen shillings due him ꝑ Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That Thomas Johnson j^{r} receive out of the State Shop ½ l^{b} of Cream of Tarter to be returned or paid for.

John Heugh and Archibald Hadow are recommended by this Board to His Excellency General Washington or the Commanding Officer at Elizabeth Town for his Licence to go into the City of New York, for the Purpose of obtaining a Passage to Great Britain agreeably to a Resolve of the Ho. of Delegates of the 12th Inst.

Licence granted to John Bullen to Purchase Provisions in the 4th District according to the late Act of Assembly in such Case made and Provided, he having produced his Commission under James Calhoun Dep^{y} Quarter Mr Genl of the 18th of June 1778 and a Certificate of his having taken the Oath required by Law.

Commissions issued to Thomas Tibbels appointed 2^{d} Lieut. Samuel Barrow Ens of Capt. Richard Bruff's Comp^{y} in the 4th Battalion of Militia in Talbot County and also to Charles Gardiner Capt. in the

Liber C B No. 23 room of Jon[a] Abell, William Start 1st L[t] Charles Sherwood 2 L[t] and Richard Harrington Ens. belonging to the 38th Batt. of Mil[a] in the County aforesaid.

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[Council to Mr. Abraham Faw]

Sir. The above is a Copy of our Answer to your former Letter. A Pair of Cloth Breeches and Overalls should be issued to each Recruit, if you have them, they being Part of the State Bounty and it will be proper to have the Cloathing made up, at the Price you mention

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Thursday 13th April 1780

Present as on Yesterday except James Brice Esq[r]

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to James Ringgold nine hundred and fifty seven Pounds fifteen shillings due him ꝑ Acc[t] passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. Gaither 6 Matrosses, 6 p[r] Sheets, 6 Blankets, & 1 Pot of the Furniture of the Hospital, for the use of the sick soldiers now in this City and to be returned into the Store.

p. 138 Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Nathan Peak of the 1st Reg[t] 1 shirt to Robert Baily of the same Reg[t] and William Newton of the 2[d] Regim[t] 1 p[r] Overalls each to be charged to the Continent.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. Joseph Smith of Col[o] Nath[l] Gists Regim[t] four hundred Dollars the Gratuity allowed by a Resolution of the Gen[l] Assembly of the 4th of Dec[r] 1778 and the further sum of Two thousand Dollars by the Act relating to the Officers and Soldiers &c[a] passed July 1779 agreeably to a Resolve of the General Assembly passed 11 April 1780.

That the said Treasurer pay to Geo. Ranken one hundred and Fifty Pounds due him for acting as Clk to the State's Sale of Public Property.

That the said Treasurer pay to William M[c]Bryde seven hundred and sixty one Pounds, seventeen shillings and six Pence for the use of Henry Dickinson ꝑ Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Jeremiah T. Chase Esq[r] Eight hundred and Eighty Pounds for his Attend[a] in Council to this Inst. inclusive.

By his Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esquire Governor of Maryland. A Proclamation

I hereby appoint Wednesday the 26 Day of April next to be observed throughout this State as a Day of Fasting, Humiliation & Prayer agreeably to the Recommendation of Congress. Given at

Annapolis this 13th day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty. Tho Sim Lee Liber C B No. 23
By his Exys Command. T. Johnson Junr Secy

Pardon granted to John Rodgers of Frederick County convicted at the last March Court for said County on Condition that he forthwith enlist himself into one of the Regiments of the Quota of this State in the Continental Army and do not desert therefrom. that he pay all Charges incurred in carrying on the Prosecution. pay four fold to the Person injured. and that he do not in future reside in the Neighbourhood where the Offence was Committed.

[Council to Benj'n Nicholson Esqr, Judge of the Admiralty Court] Liber C C No. 22 p. 89

Sir We observe that a Libel has been exhibited in the Court of Admiralty on Behalf of the State against the Sloop Polly, her Apparel &ca and Cargoe lately commanded by Capt. Peregrine Dunk and that Notice is given by William Gibson Register of the said Court to the Owners of the said Sloop and all others concerned, that a Court of Admiralty for the Trial of the Facts contained in the said Libel will be held on the third Day of May next and are informed that on the Petition of Samuel Smith one of the Owners of the said Vessel, you have appointed the 15th of April for the Trial of the said Vessel &ca This State is deeply interested, and we cannot consent that the Trial should be brought on, in the Absence of the Attorney General, before the Day originally appointed and notified by the Register of the Court—

[Council to Capt. Michael Boyer]

Sir The General Assembly have passed "A Supplement to the Act for recruiting the Quota of Troops of this State in the American Army," in Virtue of which the Bounty and other Priveleges allowed to those who enlisted before the first Instant are extended and given to such as may enlist after that Period & before the first Day of August. We rejoice at your Prospect of Success

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Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Frank Leeke Esqr nine thousand three hundred and thirty seven Pounds, nine shillings and two pence to be delivered over to Jonathan Hudson Esqr in part of the sum of 30.241£ due him for Linens purchased of him by the Governor &Co for the Officers of the Maryland Line.

That the said Treasurer pay to Allen Quynn Esqr three hundred and seventy four Pounds due him per Acct passed by the D. Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Peregrine Lethrbury Esqr one hundred and forty five Pounds, two shillings and six Pence for the

Liber C B No. 23 use of Col° Wm Bordley and one hundred and Eighty six Pounds, five shillings for the use of Daniel Fisher as ꝑ Accounts passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Serj^t John Lindiff, three hundred & four Pounds seventeen shillings & six Pence ꝑ Acc^t passed by the D. Aud.

p. 139 Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Ens Caleb Mason of the 2^d Regiment 3 yds Linen for Lining and 2 p^r Stockings in part of the Articles allowed by the Genl Assembly.

That the said Commissary deliver to Benjamin Fitzgerrald a Recruit for the 7th Reg^t one Suit of Cloaths the Bounty allowed by the late Act of Assembly.

That Capt. George Keeports deliver to Ens. Caleb Mason of the 2^d Reg^t Cloth suff^t for a Suit of Cloaths, 3 yds shalloon and 1 p^s Brittanies of the 3^d Quality in part of the Articles &c^a

That the said Geo. Keeports deliver to Lieut. James John Skinner of the 7th Regim^t 1 p^s of Brittanies of the 2^d Quality in part of the Articles &c^a

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Christ^r Birkhead Two hundred and Eighteen Pounds, fifteen shillings for the use of Thomas Martin, three hundred and twenty two Pounds for the use of Edward Trippe and one hundred and ninty Pounds for the use of James Smith ꝑ Acc^ts passed by the Dep^y Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Stephen West three thousand, two hundred and forty three Pounds, fifteen shillings for 170 p^r of Stockings purchased of him by the Governor and Council for the use of the Army.

April 15 Saturday 15 April 1780.

Present as on yesterday.

Benjamin Bunbury is recommended by this Board to his Excellency General Washington or the Commanding Officer at Elizabeth Town for his Licence to go into the City of New York for the Purpose of obtaining a Passage to Ireland agreeably to a Resolve of the House of Del, this Ins^t

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Weltha Flemming Thirty three Pounds ꝑ Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the Collector of the Tax for Baltimore County pay to Capt. John Smith of the 3^d Regim^t six thousand Dollars to be expended in the recruiting Service and Accounted for.

That Capt. Geo. Keeports deliver to Richard Sappington Surgeon to the 1st Regim^t Cloth suff^t for a Suit of Cloaths, 3 yds shalloon, & 1 p^s Brittanies of the second Quality in part of the Articles allowed by the Genl Assembly.

[Council to Commrs for Baltimore Town]

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Gent. Mr Poe, who acts in the Quartermaster's Department at Baltimore Town represents to us that he is in great Want of Forage, you will therefore deliver him 300 Bushels of Indian Corn and the Bran and Shorts produced from all the Wheat you have collected except that which was purchased by the French Agents.

[Council to Mr. David Poe Q. M.]

Sir We have wrote to the Commissioners of Baltimore Town to supply you with some Bran and Shorts and 300 Bushels of Corn, which you will take an Account of and return the same to this Board. Your Requisition of Money cannot be complied with, by us, you must apply to the General Assembly

[Council to Colo Elijah Robosson]

Sir Mr John Bullen who acts in the Quartermaster's Department, is in great Want of Forage, you will therefore supply him with all the Bran and Shorts produced from the Wheat you have collected.

Monday 17 April 1780.

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Present as on Saturday. James Brice Esqr Attended.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to John Westby, Henry Hill, James Ausley and Charles Brooks recruits for the 7th Regimt each a Suit of Cloaths the Bounty alld by the late Act of Assembly.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Richard Bryan, three thousand six hundred Dollars to be delivered over to William Woolford recruiting Officer for Dorchester County to be by him expended in the recruiting Service and Accounted for.

[Council to Capt William Woolford]

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Sir We have drawn an Order on the Treasurer to Mr Bryan for 3600 Dollars to be delivered to you, to be expended in the recruiting Service. The Bounties Privileges and Cloathing allowed to Recruits by the Act of the last Assembly are by this continued until the first Day of August next.

Tuesday 18 April 1780.

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Present as on yesterday.

Ordered that Pat. Hamilton Esqr Collr of the Tax for Cecil County pay to Elijah Cole Two thousand five hundred pounds to enable him to carry into Execution the Act for the immediate Supply of Flour & other Provisions for the Army.

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Ordered That Com° Grason deliver to William Hemsley Esqr about 26 fathom of 3 In rope.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Col° George Stricker two hundred and Eighty seven Pounds, seven shillings and six Pence for the use of Capt. Mich^l Boyer ꝑ Acc^t passed by the Aud. G^l

That the said Treasurer pay to John Shaw one thousand Pounds on Account

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Cuthbert Abell, Gabriel Williams, Cuthbert Stone and Arthur McLane Recruits for the 7 Regim^t each a Suit of Cloaths the Bounty allowed by the late Act of Assembly.

That the said Commissary deliver to Col° Mathew Driver Twenty eight Pounds, ten shillings in Cloathing for the use of Mich^l Merian a 9 Months Soldier in the 5 Regim^t Disch^d due him by the Act to procure Troops for the American Army.

That the said Commissary deliver to M^rs McHard 3 yds flannel to be ret^d or paid for.

That the said Commissary deliver to Serj^t Enoch McLane of the 7th Regim^t & Aaron Spalding of the 2^d Reg^t one shirt each.

That the Collector of the Tax for Saint Mary's County pay to Serj^t Enoch McLane of the 7th Reg^t three thousand Dollars to be expended in the recruit^g Service & Acc^d for.

Commissions issued to Joshua Chippy app^d 2^d Lieut. John Tolson Ens. of Capt. Hughletts Com^y. Edgar Rumney 1st Lieut, Charles Lecompt 2^d Lieut. & Joseph Dixon Ens. of Capt. Robert Postlewait's Comp^y belonging to the 8th Batt, of Mil^a Carol County.

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[Council to Mr. Elijah Cole]

Sir We received your Letter of the 27th March and have sent you an Order on the Collector of Cecil for two thousand five hundred Pounds current Money for the Purpose of purchasing Flour Barrels, which we imagine will be fully sufficient, if not, inform us.

[Council to Mr. William McBryde]

Sir Your Letter of the 19th Jan^ry we lately received. You must send forward the 152 Barrels of Flour purchased by Order of the Governor and Council and deliver it to Mr Henry Hollingsworth at the Head of Elk and take his Receipt; you must also deliver the Corn to Mr Hollingsworth and send us an Account of the Quantity.

[Council to Gen'l Smallwood]

Sir We had the Pleasure of receiving your Favor of the 15th Ins^t by M^r McClain and have given him an Order for Cloathing for the Recruits and an Order on the Collector of Charles County for 3000

Dollars. It is not in our Power to furnish them with Blankets at this Place. We are much concerned that Mr Randall, by his Manner of distributing the Cloth purchased for the Officers has given Cause for the Complaint of Partiality, mentioned in Colo Gunby's Letter to you and can assure you that it is our Inclination to remove that and every other Ground of Disgust and Uneasiness among the Officers and we shall take such Measures as will effectually prevent the like Complaint

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Wednesday 19 April 1780.

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Present as on yesterday.

Commissions of Letter of Marque and Reprisal issued to Charles Harrison Commr of the Schooner Morrice 35 Tons burthen, navigated by 14 Men, mounting 4 Carriage Guns, 4 Swivels and 6 Musketts also to William Coward Commander of the Schooner Holker, 50 Tons burthen navigated by 17 Men mounting 6 Howitz and 4 Swivels and belonging to Mathew Ridley and Compy of Baltimore.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Colo Uriah Forrest ninety one Pounds, two shillings and six pence and Seventy three Pounds, Eleven Shillings and three Pence for the Use of Colo Francis Ware, One hundred and two Pounds ten Shillings for the use of Thos. Crackalls and Twenty nine Pounds five shillings for the use of Francis Dickson per Accounts passed by the Aud. General.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Callahan one hundred and Eighty Pounds Eight shillings for the use of Capt. James Wiley and Compy p pay roll examd & passed by D. Aud.

[Council to Capt. Geo. P. Keeports]

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Sir Upon a Consideration of all Circumstances, we prefer the Purchase of Mr Hudson's Blankets to Colo Dorsey's Baize and therefore desire you to engage all he has at £125 to be paid for in a reasonable Time, that is to say, when the State of our Treasury will admit of it. You are to secure the 500 yds of Oznabrigs immediately and we wish you to make a considerable Addition thereto, especially if to be had for 17 Dolls the whole to be made into Overalls. If the Maryland Troops should march to the Southward, Linen Overalls will be indispensably necessary, as well as a large Supply of Shoes. To call your Attention to the Purchase of those important Articles of Cloathing, we trust is needless, shall therefore only recommend Expedition. You will not deliver the shoes without further Orders, as we apprehend the Officers have no Claim upon the State for them. Send us a particular Account of all the Cloathing you have on Hand with a Description of the Qualities as near as can be. We are sur-

Liber C C No. 22 p. 91 prized to hear the Contract was not made with Evans for the whole of the Buttons which should be done without Delay on the best Terms you can.

[Council to Colo Ephraim Blaine]

Sir—The Rum which was in this City belonging to the Continent, Mr Ashmead informs us, was, some Time Since forwarded to Colo Hollingsworth at the Head of the Bay and, as he believes, is in Philadelphia before this. The Charge for Storage, we have heard is extravagant but as the Rum is delivered, we have no Doubt you may reduce it to the Bounds of Moderation. We flatter ourselves with the Pleasure of seeing you here in a short Time and are in the Mean Time with great Respect

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Thursday 20 April 1780.

Prest. as on yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Samuel Hepburn two thousand nine hundred and three Pounds, ten shillings and ten pence to be delivered over to Jonathan Hudson in full of the Sum of £30,241 due him for Linens purchd of him by the Govr & Council for the Officers of the Maryland Line.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Crisall three thousand Pounds on Account.

p. 141 That the said Treasurer pay to John Lamt Wilmer Esqr three hundred and thirty six pounds ten shillings for the use of Thomas Ellis due him ꝑ Acct passed by the Aud. Genl

On the representation of the Magistrates and Sundry respectable Inhabitants of Montgomery County Pardon granted to Negroe Marlow Slave of Samuel Biggs of the said County condemned at the County Court for House breaking and stealing sundries thereout.

Commissions issued to John Thompson appointed Colo George Bayard Lt Colo James Hackett Capt in the room of Simon Wicks, John Hackett 1st Lieut. John Whittingham 2 Lt David Lindsey Ens. Jacob Walters Capt in the room of John Sudler, Philip Coppage 1 Lt Corns Commegys 2 Lt Thomas Mead Ens. Richard Holding Capt. in the room of William Brown, Thomas Roberts 1 Lieut. John Duncan 2d Lieut. Thomas Wiggans Ens—Thomas Seager Capt. James Thompson 1 Lt James Holding 2d Lt William Thompson Ens. Thomas Price Capt in the room of Vachel Downes Bixby Newman 1st Lt Samuel Walls 2d Lt Samuel Thomas Ens. William Falconer Capt. in the room of Wm Clarkeson Wm 1st Lieut. Henry Covington 2 Lieut. James Massey Ens. Saml Ridgeway Capt in the room of Isaac Scriviner, John Y. Keene 1st Lieut, Hugh Henry 2d Lieut, Edward Covington Ens. of the 5th Batt. of Militia in Queen Anns County.

Friday 21 April 1780

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Present as on Yesterday.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Col° Uriah Forrest one thousand one hundred Dollars to be expended in the recruiting Service and Accounted for.

That the said Treasurer pay to Stephen West Esqr five hundred and Sixty two Pounds ten shillings for 30 pair of Stockings purchased of him by the Governor for the use of the Army.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Ens Samuel Hamilton of the 6th Reg^t 4 Suits of Cloaths except 2 Coats for four Recruits enlisted by him

That the said Commissary deliver to the said Ens. Samuel Hamilton 3 yds. Linen for Lining in part of the Articles allowed by the late Act of Assembly.

That the said Commissary deliver to Ens. Richard Chew of the 2^d Brigade 3 yds Linen for Lining and 2 p^r Stockings in part of the Articles &c^a

That the said Commissary deliver to Lieut. Charles Bevan of the 6th Regim^t 3 yds Linen for Lining in part of the Articles &c^a

That the said Commissary deliver to Ens. John Boone of the 1st Reg^t 3 yds Linen for Lining and 2 p^r Stockings in part of the Articles &c^a

That the said Commissary deliver to Lieut Nich^s Manger of the 3^d Reg^t 3 yds. Linen for Lining in part of the Articles &c^a

That Capt. George Keeports deliver to Ens. Samuel Hamilton of the 6 Reg^t 3¼ yds. Cloth, 3 yds shalloon and one p^s Brittanies of the 3^d Quality—to Lieut. Charles Bevan of the said Reg^t 3¼ yds. Cloth, 3 yds. Shalloon & 1 p^s Brittanies of the 3^d Quality—to Ens. Richard Chew of the 2^d Brigade Cloth suff^t for a Suit of Cloaths, 3 yds Shalloon, and one p^s Brittanies of the 3^d Quality to Ens John Boone of the 1st Regim^t Cloth suff^t for a Suit of Cloaths, 3 yds. Shalloon and 1 p^s of Brittanies of the 3^d Quality and also to Lieut Nicholas Manger of the third Regim^t 3¼ yds Cloth and 3 yds. Shalloon in part of the Articles allowed them by the Act of the Genl Assembly relating to the Officers and Soldiers &c^a

[Council to Colo. Nathaniel Ramsay]

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Sir—It is with great Pleasure we inform you that the General Assembly have passed an Act, enabling us to afford Assistance to the Captive Officers of this State in New York. If a Flag and Passport can be obtained, we have a Power to send into New York or such Place as the Enemy will permit, such a Quantity of Flour, Corn, Beans, Peas, Bacon and Pork, in Barrels, as may be deemed sufficient by this Board, for the Support of the Officers of this State now

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with the Enemy, and as much Bar Iron and Pine Plank, not exceeding one Inch in Thickness as will furnish each Officer with Specie to purchase Cloaths, Linen and other necessary Apparel and to defray contingent Expences. Our Wish that this Business should be conducted in such a Manner as will most speedily relieve the Wants of the Officers and give them Satisfaction, induces us to hope a Flag and Passport may be procured from the Enemy to send into New York for the Captive Officers of this State not more than 125 Barrels of Flour, 50 Bushels of Peas 6000^{H} of Bacon and 10 Barrels of Pork thirty Tons of Bar Iron and 40,000 Feet of Pine Plank; a Blank to be left for the Name of the Vessel and the Names of the Captain and Hands to navigate her. We do not think the above mode liable to any Objection, because the Extent and Kind of Supplies to be sent will be known and if they do not exceed what will be sufficient to answer the Purposes of relieving the Wants of the Officers and supplying them with Specie to purchase Cloathing no Inconvenience can possibly result to the Enemy from their Indulgence. If the Enemy will not grant a Flag and Passport in a Way so general, be pleased to let us know by the earliest Opportunity, in what Manner they may be obtained, that the most effectual Measures may be fallen on to expedite the necessary Supplies.

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Saturday 22^{d} April 1780.

Present as on yesterday.

Commissions of Letters of Marque and Reprisal issued to Thomas Johnson Commander of the Brig Ranger 150 Tons burthen navigated by 50 Men, mounting 14 Carriage Guns, belonging to Daniel Bowley and John McLure of Baltimore and also to Thomas Gibbons Commander of the Schooner Jeune Fendant 40 Tons burthen navigated by 12 Men mounting 4 Carriage Guns, 4 Swivels and 10 small Arms belonging to Smith and Mathews & Comp^{y}.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to John Boone app^{d} an Ens. in the 1st Maryl^{d} Regim^{t} Two thousand Dollars to be expended in the Recruit^{g} Service & Acc^{d} for

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Nich^{s} Manger of the 3^{d} Regim^{t} one thousand five hundred Dollars to be expended in the Recruiting Service & Accounted for

That the said Treasurer pay to Francis Dallam one thousand Dollars to be delivered over to Richard Dallam Esqr on Account.

That the Collector of the Tax for Washington County pay to Capt John Read of the Comp^{y} of Infantry to be raised in Virtue of the late Act of Assembly, seven thousand five hundred Dollars to be expended in the Recruiting Service and Acc^{d} for

Commission issued to John Read app^{d} Capt. William Piles Lieut, and Nathl Beall Magruder Ens. of a Comp^{y} of Infantry to be raised in Virtue of the late Act of Assembly to raise a Comp^{y} of Infantry to serve within the State. Liber C B. No. 23

On the Application of William Smith Esqr of Baltimore Town who is to this purpose commissioned and Authorized by Mr Holker who is Agent for the Marine of his most Christian Majesty Licence is hereby granted to Lade and export in the Schooner's Luzerne and Jeune Fendant, now lying in the Port of Baltimore, their Cargoes of Flour and other Provision for the use of the Fleet and Army of his most Christian Majesty in the West Indies, the said Schooners clearing out at the proper Office and the Captains complying with the Act of Assembly in such Case made and Provided.

[Council to Gen'l Smallwood]

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Sir We are sorry it is not in our Power to make the Provision we wish for Mr Hamilton, who is honored with your Recommendation. The Congress by a late Resolve, requested that this Board would make no further Appointments for the present, and since the Receipt of their Requisition, we have not introduced any Person into the Maryland Line. On the 26th Ian^{ry} last, the Board of War were desired to commission the Sergeants you recommended last Fall and we have no Doubt but that the Commissions may be obtained, upon Application. We shall give Orders to furnish our Troops on their March through this State with the whole of the Species of Cloathing you mention that are on Hand.

[Council to Richard Dallam Esqr]

Sir We have received yours of the 16th and 18th Ins^{t} Mr Wheeler is answerable for all the Provision seized by him and must pursue the Directions pointed out by the Law, against any Person taking it away. We have it not in our Power to send you any Money by your Brother, not having above £8000 in the Treasury and we are equally uneasy on this Account with yourself. The Discharge of the Certificates is entirely with the General Assembly. Please to deliver to Mr William Smith or his Order all the French Flour and Wheat you have seized and send us an Account of it.

[Council to William Smith Esqr.]

Sir We have sent Permissions to load the Vessels mentioned in your Letter of the 20th Ins^{t} with Flour for the Use of the Fleet and Army of his most Christian Majesty in the West Indies. It is not now in our Power to fix the Time of the Delivery of the Flour allotted for the French by the State, but shall endeavour to have it done as soon as possible. We have wrote to Mr Dallam to deliver to

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you and your Order, the French Flour and Wheat seized by him and shall direct the Commissioners of the several Counties that have made Seizures of the French Flour, to restore it to you; enclosed is an Order for that Purpose, on the Commissioners of Baltimore County.

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Monday 24 April 1780

Present as on Saturday.

Commission of a Letter of Marque and Reprisal issued to William Weems Commander of the Sloop Porpoise 80 Tons burthen navigated by 16 Men mounting six Carriage Guns 4 Howitzs and 6 small Arms belonging to Robt. Morris of the State of Pennsylvania Stephen Steward, Wallace, Davidson and Johnson & John Muir of Maryland.

On the Application of William Smith Esqr &c. Licence granted to Lade and export in the Brig Ranger now lying in the Port of Baltimore her Cargoe of Flour and other Provision for the use of his most Christian Majesty &c^{a} as above.

[Scupper nails are little short nails with broad heads, made on purpose to nail on the scupper leathers]

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt Robert Berry of the Boat Plater 12 hanks Marline and 150 Scupper Nails.

That the said Commissary deliver to Capt Thomas Lansdale of the 1st Reg^{t} 3 yds Linen for Lining and 2 p^{r} Stockings in part of the Articles &c^{a}

That the said Commissary deliver to Capt. Levin Handy of 5th Reg. 3 yds. Linen for Lining in part of the Articles &c^{a}

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Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to George Heydon, Dennis Conner, Sol^{o} Hudson, Ananias Hudson, Francis Lantenor, Benjamin Beach & Preston Richards Recruits for 5 Regim^{t} John Winn, Jonathan Driskell, John Denston, Solomon Brittingham and Thomas Neighenbough Recruits for the 2^{d} Reg^{t} each a Suit of Cloaths the Bounty allowed by the late Act of the General Assembly.

That the said Commissary deliver to Lieut James Ewing of the 2^{d} Regim^{t} 3 yds. Linen for Lining in part of the Articles allowed by the Genl Assembly.

That Capt. George Keeports deliver to Capt. Thomas Lansdale of the 4th Regim^{t} Cloth suff^{t} for a Suit of Cloaths with Trimmings, 3 yds shalloon and 1 p^{s} of Brittanies—to Capt. Levin Handy of the 5 Reg^{t} Cloth suff^{t} for a Suit of Cloaths, with Trimmings & 3 yds Shalloon and also to Lieut James Ewing of the 2^{d} Regim^{t} Cloth suff^{t} for a Suit of Cloaths wth Trimmings 3 yds Shalloon and 1 p^{s} of Brittanies in part of the Articles allowed them by the Genl Assembly

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Edward Wright ten thousand Dollars to be delivered over to Col° Henry Hollingsworth on Account. Liber C B No. 23

That the said Treasurer pay to Doct^r Adam Fisher the following Sums for the use of the Persons thereto annexed ꝑ Accounts passed by the Dep^y Aud. viz. five hundred and seventy two Pounds, ten shillings and five hundred and fourteen Pounds ten shillings for the use of Richard Haff one hundred & Sixty two Pounds for Thomas Long. four hundred and five Pounds for David Levy. Two hundred & two Pounds, ten shillings for Jacob Houck one hundred & thirty five Pounds for Geo. Bear, one hundred & thirty five Pounds for Jacob Cort sixty seven Pounds ten shillings for David Wise, Fifty Pounds fifteen shillings for Valentine Sommer sixty three Pounds for George Beall, Twenty two Pounds, ten shillings for John Zimmerman One hundred and fifty Pounds for Timothy Swain, Thirty nine Pounds, fifteen shillings for Peter Wagoner sixty seven Pounds, ten shillings for John Cray & forty five Pounds for Henry Clemans

That the said Treasurer pay to Doct^r Adam Fisher one thousand two hundred and forty Pounds to be delivered over to Capt. Richard Haff for the use of himself and Guard over the Magazine near Frederick Town on Account.

Whereas it is necessary that Vessels should be immediately provided to Transport the Troops of the United States from the Head of Elk to the Common Wealth of Virginia to reinforce the Southern Army and it being impracticable to procure a sufficient Number of Vessels on hire you are hereby authorized and impowered to impress as many Vessels and Hands as will be necessary for transporting the Troops aforesaid with their Bagage from the Head of Elk to Virginia. To Col° Henry Hollingsworth.

[Council to The Commissioners for Worcester County]

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Gen^t We are empowered by the enclosed Resolve, to give you Instructions respecting the Shipping the Corn seized by you, and do direct the same to be Shipped in Sinepuxent Inlet and transported to Trenton, as soon as you can, & delivered to the Continental Commissary or Quartermaster at that Place, for which you are to take his Receipt, as Part of the Supply to be furnished by us

[Council to Mr. Richard Harrison]

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Sir The Plank you engaged to furnish the State, on Demand, you are hereby requested to deliver to Samuel Chase Esqr or his Order, agreeably to your Contract a Copy of which you have enclosed

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[Council to Colo Henry Hollingsworth]

Sir The enclosed will give you a Power to impress Vessels to transport the Troops destined for reinforcing the Southern Army, to be made Use of if the Vessels cannot be otherwise provided. We shall endeavour to have one or more Look out Boats down the Bay. It would be improper to depend entirely on them some of the Vessels you will have may be fast Sailers and if put under the Command of trusty Officers, might proceed down before the Rest, every possible Caution should be taken on this Occasion. We are sorry the State of the Treasury will not admit of our sending you more than ten thousand Dollars: we will as soon as in our Power, supply whatever you advance in the manufacturing of the Wheat and other Matters, not directed by the Law to be paid in Certificates. As we have very little Provision at this Place, we suggest the Propriety of your furnishing the Troops with a Sufficient Quantity to subsist them on their Passage to Virginia, without having any Reliance on procuring any here. You will make the same Allowance for the Vessels and Hands impressed, as you pay for those hired

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Tuesday 25 April 1780.

Present as on yesterday—

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Jesse Littell Eighty four Pounds, seven shillings and six Pence due him ꝑ Acc^{t} passed by the D. Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Townsend one hundred and fifty Pounds due him ꝑ Acc. passed by the D. Aud.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Ja^{s} Carter & Littleton Willing recruits for 1 Reg each a Suit of Cloaths the Bounty all^{d} by the late Act of Ass^{y}

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[Council to Capt Geo. P. Keeports]

Sir We must request you will deliver to Capt. Levin Handy all the Cloth &^{ca} for Officers Blankets, Overalls, Shirts and Shoes you have on Hand, to be brought by him in Mr Middleton's Boat to this Place, where they may with more Conveniency be distributed among the Troops of the Maryland Line on their Route to the Southward. If the Troops now under Innoculation and those you have Reason shortly to expect to take the Small Pox are not provided with Blankets, you are to retain in your Hands a Number sufficient for the Purpose.

[Council to Thos Richardson Esqr]

Sir We have Reason to believe by the latest Intelligence received that the Route of the Troops is changed and that they are to proceed

down by Water: if it should prove otherwise, we shall attend to your Advice and are obliged to you for your Information. It will be prudent to say nothing of the supposed Route of the Troops by Water. Liber C C No. 22

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Present as on yesterday—

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Lieut Edward Dyer of the 2nd Maryd Regimt Two thousand Dollars allowed by the Act relating to the Officers and Soldiers &ca in lieu of the Articles for the year 1779.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Leypold, sixty thousand Dollars to be delivd over to Capt. George Keeports to be by him expended in the Purchase of Cloathing for the Army on Acct

That Capt. George Keeports deliver to Lieut. Edward Dyer of the 2d Regimt 1 piece of Brittanies of the 2nd Quality, Cloth suffi for a Suit of Cloaths, with Trimmings and 3 yds Shalloon in part of the Articles allowed by the General Assembly.

[Council to Mr. David Poe Q. M.] Liber C C No. 22 p. 93

Sir We understood the Maryland Troops are at the Head of Elk and are to call here on their way to the Southward. We have but a small Quantity of Meat at this Post, and therefore shall be obliged to you to send by Mr Joseph Middleton, fifty Barrels of Beef; should he not be able to bring it, by Waggons or other Conveyance, immediately

[Council to Capt. Geo. P. Keeports] p. 94

Sir There are not more than 80,000 Dollars now in the Treasury, 60,000 of which we send you by Mr Leopold for the Purpose of satisfying the most hungry, and clamorous of your Creditors, it would have given us Pleasure to remit the whole Sum you require but that is out of our Power, the Proportion drawn from our Stock is full as much as can be spared. We shall take the earliest Opportunity of supplying you with the Balance. The Time of Payment is rather nearer at Hand than we had Reason to expect, especially for the Blankets, either from your former Letter or our Instructions to you on that Head. The Enclosure is a Copy of a Letter written to you, by Capt Handy, as he has met with unexpected Delays, it is sent by this Opportunity, that you may be packing the Cloaths up and preparing them for Delivery; and in Addition to the Articles mentioned therein, we must desire you will also deliver to Capt. Handy, all the Camp Kettles and other Camp Equipage you have, except those in the Hospital

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Thursday 27th April 1780.

Present as on Yesterday.

Ordered That Capt. George Keeports deliver to Capt William Dent Beall of the 6th Regimt Cloth sufft for a Suit of Cloaths, with Trimmings & 3 yds Shalloon in part of the Articles allowed by the General Assembly.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to the said Capt. William D. Beall. 3 yds. Linen for lining and 2 pair of Stockings in part of the Articles &ca

That the said Commissary deliver to Capt. Henry Gaither, 4 pr of Overalls, 3 pr of Stockings, 9 pr shoes & 7 Shirts for the use of the 1st Regt 2 pr Overalls, 1 pr Stockings, 9 pr shoes & 3 shirts for the use of the 2d Regimt 3 pr shoes & 1 shirt for the use of the 6th and 5 pr Shoes & 2 Shirts for the use of the 7th Regiment.

That the said Commissary deliver to William Leslake recruits for the 7th Regimt a Suit of Cloaths each, the Bounty of Cloathing alld by the late Act of Assy

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. William Dent Beall of 6th Regimt three thousand Dollars to be expended in the Recruiting service & Accounted for.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Robert Berry of the Boat Plater, one thousand Eight hundred Dollars on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Henry Hooper Esqr Two hundred & seventy five Pounds to be delivered over to Richard Bryan due him per Acct passed by the Aud. Genl

That Mr John Shaw deliver to Capt. Robert Berry of the Plater, 1 small Keg of Powder and 4 Doz. Muskett Cartridges.

The State Boat Plater Capt. Robert Berry was employed in the Contl service as a lookout Boat & returned the 24 May.

Commissions issued to Joseph Richardson appointed Lt Colo and also to Ezekiel Reed appd Captain in the room of Spencer Waters, in the Upper Battalion of Militia in Dorchester County.

Warrant issued Directed to Como Thomas Grason to impress a sufficient Number of Vessels with Hands in the Port of Annapolis (except those employed in carrying Grain & Flour to the Head of Elk for the use of the Army) to Transport the Troops of the United States from the Head of Elk and the City of Annapolis, with their Baggage to the Common Wealth of Virginia to reinforce the
p. 145 Southern Army. Warrant issued. Directed to Isaac Griest to impress all the Vessels and hands in the Port of Baltimore in the Bay Trade (except those employed in carrying Provisions to the Head of Elk for the Use of the Army) to Transport the Troops of the United States from the Head of Elk to the common Wealth of Virginia to reinforce the Southern Army.

Capt. Joseph Middletons Vessel, a Schooner Boat, has been impressed by our Order, to go to the Head of Elk to Transport Troops from thence to Virginia, but as she is at present engaged in the Public Service she is to return from Baltimore to Annapolis. Liber C B No. 23

Lieut. James Ewing. You are to take under your Care and Direction the Schooner Planters Friend Nath[l] Ross. The Schooner Liberty Thomas Dillow. The Schooner Speedwell Thomas Hingson & the Schooner Boat Richard Brewer which Vessels are permitted to touch at Baltimore to unload and from thence you are to proceed with them to the Head of Elk for the Purpose of Transporting a Detachment of the American Army to the State of Virginia. You are to apply to Col° Hollingsworth at the Head of Elk for further Orders.

Lieut. James Skinner—You are to take under your Care and Direction The Schooner Dispatch, The Schooner Sally Nicholas Valliant, The sloop Fly, The Schooner Sea Flower Thomas Johnson and the Polly Boat John Valliant impressed for the Purpose of Transporting a Detachment of the American Army to the State of Virginia and when you arrive at the Head of Elk you are to apply to Col° Hollingsworth for further Orders.

[Council to General Smallwood.] Liber C C No. 22

Sir—No other Information that the Maryland Division is on the March for Carolina has reached this Board, than what is contained in a Letter from the Board of War to Col° Hollingsworth of the 19th Ins[t] a Copy of which that Gentleman sent us and since wrote on the 25th that an Express was just arrived from Head Quarters with Letters advising him of the Route of the Reinforcement for the Southern Army and that the Number originally designed for that Purpose was augmented to 3000, & of the near Approach of their Van, to the Head of Elk. Col° Hollingsworth had procured only 12 Vessels on the 25th, but as we have given him adequate Powers, to impress Vessels, we flatter ourselves, with what we can get here, he will secure a Sufficient Number to forward the Troops as they arrive, without any material Loss of Time. We have taken the earliest Opportunity of conveying to you every Intelligence we have received respecting the Movement of this Detachment and hope it will reach you in Time to regulate yours. Every Species of Cloathing in the Hands of our Agent in Baltimore Town, necessary for our Troops destined to the Southward we shall draw to this Place, with a View of making a Distribution of them and to that End, have requested Col° Forrest to apply to the Officer commanding them, to p. 95
send a Party for them, if he should not touch at this Port on his Way down. We have also advised the Col° to order the Officers and Men on Furlough and those on the Recruiting Service, to rendezvous immediately at the most convenient of the two Posts of Annapolis and Port Tobacco to be in Readiness to march or embark for Peters- p. 94

Liber C C No. 22 burg. The Cloathing you require except the Shoes, Hats and Blankets of which we have none here, shall be delivered to Col° Forrest who has an Opportunity of sending them by one of your Waggons

[Council to Capt. Robt Berry]

Sir You are to proceed down the Chesapeake in the Plater State Boat and keep a careful and diligent Look out for the Ships of War and Cruisers of the Enemy, lest they are apprized of the Route of our Troops destined for reinforcing the Southern Army, and may attempt to intercept them on their Passage down the Bay. If upon a careful Examination of the Vessels in the Bay, you receive any Intelligence of the Enemy, you are to give immediate Information to this Board and to the Vessels transporting Troops, which you may fall in with on your Return. We recommend the greatest Attention and Vigilance in the Execution of this important Trust, and wish you a safe Return.

Same Letter sent to Capt Middleton of the Dolphin, with the following Addition. " The Letter to the Governor of Virginia must be delivered, if possible, into the Hands of some proper Officer, to be forwarded immediately to him."

[Council to Mr Isaac Griest, Balto.]

Sir We are informed by Col° Hollingsworth, that a Detachment of three Thousand Troops, is to be transported immediately from the Head of Elk to Virginia, and that he cannot procure a Sufficient Number of Vessels at that Place, for the Purpose. We have enclosed you a Press Warrant, and must request you to undertake to execute it and get all the Vessels you can and send them to the Head of Elk; the Importance of this Service, we don't doubt, will induce you to exert yourself. The Skippers are to apply to Coll° Hollingsworth at the Head of Elk, for Orders.

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Friday 28th April 1780.

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That William Yielding Deliver to Capt. William Middleton of the Dolphin all the Flour in his possession belonging to the Continent.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut Edward Dyer of the 2^d Regim^t 3 yds Linen for Lining and 2 p^r Stockings in part of the Articles all^d by the Genl Assembly.

That Capt. George Keeports deliver to Doct. Ephraim Howard 50 or 60 ℔s Cannon Powder, provided it sells for more than £13. in Baltimore & if more Dr Howard is to pay him the price it sells for.

On Considering the Memorial of William Logan of the City of Annapolis respecting the Damages done to his wharfe and warehouse lately occupied by this State. The Governor & Council are of Opinion that the State is bound to make good the Damages arrising since they were employed by them, and direct an Order to be drawn to the said William Logan for the sum of six thousand Pounds in full for the Damages. Liber C B No. 23

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Elie Vallette Seventy five Pounds due him ꝑ Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Col° Uriah Forrest one thousand, one hundred and Fifty five Pounds for the use of John Henry & fifteen Pounds for the use of Col° William Bordley due them ꝑ Accounts passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Francis Cromwell Fifty four Pounds ꝑ Acc[t] passed by D. Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Logan six thousand Pounds in full for the Damages done to his Wareh° & wharfe by the State Vessels agreeably to the Determ[a] of the Gov[r] & Council.

[Council to Edwd Gaither Esqr] Liber C C No. 22 p. 95

Sir Upon the Application of the Forage Master, or other Officer who may be appointed to procure Forage for the Horse belonging to the Detachment on the March to the Southward, you are hereby requested to furnish him with the Forage necessary for their Subsistence, from the Public Stock in your Hands

[Council to the Commissioners for Montgomery County] p. 96

Gentlemen—Upon the Application of the Issuing Forage Master at George Town or other Officer who may be appointed to procure Forage for the Horse belonging to the Detachment on the March to the Southward, you are hereby requested to furnish him with the Forage necessary for their Subsistence from the Public Stock in your Hands. Until further Orders from this Board you are not to remove, from George Town, any of the Supplies procured in Virtue of the Act for the immediate Supply of Flour and other Provisions for the Army

[Council to Thos. Richardson Esqr]

Sir We have directed Col° Gaither, one of the Commissioners for Ann Arundel County and the Commissioners for Montgomery County to Supply Forage upon the Application of the Issuing Forage Master or other Officer who may be appointed to Supply Forage to the Horse belonging to the Detachment on the March to the Southward. The enclosed contains our Orders to the Commissioners of Montgomery which we request the Favor of you to forward

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[Council to Richd Dallam Esqr]

Sir We have received yours of Yesterday and immediately laid it before the General Assembly in Hopes they will pass a Resolve to empower us to employ you on this Occasion in the Purchase of Forage; if that is done we shall send you a Sum of Money by the first good Opportunity but cannot detain the Post.

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Saturday 29th April 1780

Present as on yesterday.

The State Boat Dolphin was taken into the Continental Service & retd 24 May.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Paul Richards of the 3d Regimt 2 Shirts, 1 pr Stockings and 1 pr Leather Breeches.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to William Hyde Ten thousand Pounds for the use of Colo Henry Hollingsworth on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to James O'Harra Two hundred Pounds allowed to him by this Board from the 16 February last to this Inst. by Virtue of a Resolve of the General Assembly passed the 7th of August 1779.

That the said Treasurer pay to Robert Dorsey Esqr five thousand Pounds to be delivered over to David Poe Esqr on Account.

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[Council to The Commissioners of Baltimore County]

Gent Mr Poe, who acts in the Quarter Master's Department at Baltimore Town, represents to us that he is in great Want of Forage, you will therefore deliver him 500 Bushels of Indian Corn and the Bran and Shorts produced from all the Wheat you have collected, except that which was purchased by the French Agents.

[Council to Mr. David Poe]

Sir If you have any Pork in Barrels or Salt Beef, or can buy or borrow any on the Credit of the State, you must send it off as soon as possible to Colo Hollingsworth at the Head of Elk for the Use of the Troops there destined to the Southward who are much distressed for the Want of Provision. Mr Griest has a Power to impress Vessels and you must apply to him to furnish you with one we have
p. 97 desired the Commissioners for Baltimore County to supply you with Forage. We have sent you five thousand Pounds, all the Money we can spare at this Time. You must apply to Mr John Dorsey, who will let you have ten thousand Pounds on Account of the State. If the Troops should leave the Head of Elk before you can send off the Pork & Beef, you must send it here

[Council to the Commissioners of Frederick & Washington Counties] Liber C C No. 22

Gentlemen We request you will furnish Forage for the Subsistence of the Teams employed by Col° Hollingsworth in removing Cannon from Hughs's Works to Baltimore Town for the Use of the Continent

[Council to Col. Henry Hollingsworth]

Sir We received your Letter of the 27th Inst and it is with real Concern we inform you there is not an Ounce of Pork or Salt Beef at this Place belonging to the Public. To relieve the immediate Wants of the Troops, we have borrowed 30 Barrels of exceeding fine Pork and sent you by John Wormsly and have directed Mr Poe to procure all the Pork and Salt Beef he can at Baltimore Town, with the utmost Expedition and forward to you. In Case the Troops should embark before the Pork and Beef can be procured we have ordered him to send it to this Place. You will receive ten thousand Pounds by John Wormsly, to purchase Beef and other Provisions for the Troops. Enclosed are Orders on the Commissioners of Washington and Frederick to supply Forage, agreeable to your Request Mr Poe in Baltimore Town acts as Quarter Master and has Forage for that Purpose

Monday 1st May 1780 May 1 Liber C B No. 23 p. 146

Present as on Saturday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Robert Reith Messenger to the Governor & Council one hundred and Twenty five Pounds for 1 mo. Salary to this Inst.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. William Middleton four hundred and two Pounds, fifteen shillings on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Hyde, four hundred and sixteen Pounds, thirteen shillings and four Pence due him as Asst Clerk to the Govr & Council this day.

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Johnson Jr four hundred and sixteen Pounds thirteen shillings and four Pence for 1 Mo. Salary due this Inst.

That the said Treasurer pay to Jesse Littell one hundred and sixty eight Pounds, fifteen shillings due him per Acct passed by the Depy Aud.

Commission issued to William Middleton appointed Capt. of the Schooner Boat Dolphin in the Service of this State.

[Council to Colo Henry Hollingsworth] Liber C C No. 22 p. 98

Sir You will receive with this by Capt. Thomas Price 15 Barrels of Pork and 15 Barrels of Beef. It will be proper that an Officer

Liber C C No. 22 should come on shore at this Place to receive the Signals agreed on to be made by the State Boats, one of which is now down the Bay on the Lookout, the other will be ready to proceed with the first Division. Several of the Skippers of the Vessels impressed, have applied to us for Provisions, but as we have but a small Quantity p. 98 at this Post, we have referred them to you We shall be obliged to you to give us the most early Notice when you have obtained Vessels sufficient for the Transportation of the Troops

May 2 Liber C B No. 23 p. 146

Tuesday 2d May 1780

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to John Chalmers, three thousand six hundred Dollars for 1200 lbs shad. fish purchased of him by this Board for the Continental Troops in this City and Delivered to Mr Crisall.

That the said Treasurer pay to Ens. Richard Chew one hundred & twenty two Pounds, twelve shillings and six Pence due him ꝑ Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Doct. James Murray Nine hundred & sixty three Pounds due him ꝑ acct passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Colo Uriah Forrest one thousand and forty one Pounds thirteen shillings and four Pence due him for 1 Months Salary as Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to John Sands, one hundred and twelve Pounds ten shillings due him ꝑ Account passed by the Depy Audr

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Willm Middleton five hundred Pounds on Account.

p. 147 Ordered That Mr John Shaw deliver to Capt. Robert Berry for the Plater, 6 match Staves 6 Ladles & Screws. 6 Rammers and Spunges and 8 Swivel Shot. and also to Capt William Middleton for the Dolphin, 6 doz small Swivel shot, 8 Sweeps, 6 Cutlasses and 6 Pistols.—

[A match staff was a staff with a slot in the upper end and a spike in the lower used on shipboard to hold a slow match]

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. William Middleton for the Dolphin 8 hanks of Marline.

That the said Commissary deliver to William Probate and John Hawser Recruits for the 6th Regt a Suit of Cloaths, each allowed by the Genl Assembly as a Bounty.

That the said Commissary deliver to Capt. Gaither 1 ps Brittanies for Capt. Alexr Lawson Smith of the late Rowlings's Regimt in part of the Articles alld by the Genl Assembly.

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[Council to Capt Geo. Keeports]

Sir Mr McFadon has made us an Offer of a Number of Shoes & Stockings the Shoes at 50 and the Stockings at 30 Dollars. If you

think them suitable for the Soldiers and approve of the Price, we would have you take them and send them down by the first opportunity Liber C C No. 22

[Council to Colo. U. Forrest]

Sir Capt Middleton who commands the State Boat Dolphin is now under Orders to proceed down the Bay to observe the Motions of the Enemy: he is in Want of Hands and we must request of you to furnish eight Men and such Officer as you may think proper to appoint, equipped and supplied with necessary Arms & Provisions to enable him the beter to execute Orders we esteem very prudential

[Council to Colo Henry Hollingsworth]

Sir We have Reason to believe the Enemy have Cruisers or Privateers within or very near our Capes: it would therefore be prudent for the Officer commanding the Van of the Troops destined to the Southward before he passes this, to send an Officer to us for any farther Intelligence we may receive on this Head. We shall keep a Lookout Boat constantly below, to furnish us with every material Occurrence, which shall be communicated to the Commandant, in the most expeditious Manner.

[Council to Governor Jefferson]

Sir A Detachment of 3000 Troops is already embarked at the Head of Elk, in a Day or two, to proceed down the Bay of Chesapeake to your State, to reinforce the Southern Army. We esteem it highly necessary that every possible Precaution should be used to prevent any Part from falling in with the Enemy's Cruisers and have, to that End, communicated to your Excellency the Intelligence p. 99
we have received from one of our Look out Boats that returned last Night from the Mouth of Potowmack. The Captain informs us that there are several small Privateers in the Bay and one or two as high up as Wiccomico in Virginia. We shall keep our Boats out constantly, to give us Information, that we may apprize the Commanding Officer of every Movement of the Enemy to intercept the Troops

[Council to the Commissioners of Baltimore, Harford, Cecil, Caroline, Kent, Dorchester, Talbot, Worcester and Queen Ann's Counties & the Comm^rs of Balt^o Town Circular]

Gentlemen The General Assembly, in Conformity to a Requisition of Congress, have requested us to direct fifteen thousand Barrels of Flour to be delivered to the Agent of France, including the Quantity he was, heretofore, permitted to purchase, by Authority of this State. We therefore request you to have delivered to Mr Wm Smith of

Liber C C No. 22 Baltimore Town, or his Agent or Deputy all the Wheat and Flour seized by you in the Hands of the French Agent or Deputy in Pursuance of the Act for the immediate Supply &ca If any of the Wheat Seized by you, has been manufactured you must deliver the Flour &ca produced therefrom, to such Agent or Deputy and render us a particular Account of what you deliver as soon as possible

May 3 Liber C B No. 23 p. 147

Wednesday 3d May 1780.

Present as on yesterday.

Commissions issued to Roger Hooper appointed 1st Lieut, and James Willson 2d Lieut of Capt. Thomas Clelands Compy of Militia in Calvert County.

Commission of Letter of Marque & Reprisal issued to Thomas Williams Commander of the Brig Willing Lass 160 Tons burthen, navigated, by 40 Men, mounting 16 Carriage Guns & 22 small Arms, belonging to Henry Dennis & others of Worcester County Maryland.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Benjamin Mackall 4th Esqr Judge of the Court of Appeals, one thousand seven hundred and fifty Pounds due him ꝑ Account Lodged in the Auditors Office.

May 4

Thursday 4th May. 1780.

Present as on yesterday except Daniel Carroll Esqr

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Serj. Joshua Barrett one thousand one hundred Dollars due him ꝑ Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to John Stevenson Esqr the several Sums of Money to be delivered over to the Persons hereafter mentioned due them ꝑ Accts passed by Aud. Genl & Depy Audr four Pounds Eleven shillings to Capt. Benja Merryman & his Company.

fourteen Pounds, five shillings & ten Pence to Capt. Elexis Lemmon & his Company.

Seven Pounds, seventeen shillings & six Pence to Do & his company

Eighteen Pounds Eleven shillings to Capt. Christopher Shroe and his Compy

Sixteen Pounds, three shillings & two pence to Capt. Thomas Marshall for Ditto

Sixteen Pounds, five shillings to Capt John Murray & his Compy

Twenty Pounds Eighteen shillings & four Pence to Capt. Nichs Merryman & his Co.

Seven Pounds fourteen shillings and six Pence to Capt. Thomas Marshall for his Company.

Five Pounds, five shillings to Colo Frederick Decker.

Four Pounds, seven shillings and six Pence to Maj^{r} Gist Vaughan. Liber C B No. 23
Seventeen Pounds, seventeen shillings and six Pence to Jacob Fouble Q^{r} Master to Col^{o} Gists Batt
Eighty Two Pounds to William Mathews Adj^{t} to Col^{o} Gists Batt.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. John Jordan of the 1st Regim^{t} Cloth suff^{t} for a Suit of Cloaths, 3 yds Shalloon 3 yds Linen for lining 1 p^{s} Brittanies of the 2^{d} Quality & 2 p^{r} of stockings in part of the Articles all^{d} by the Genl Assembly.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut. Samuel Hanson of the 1st Regim^{t} Cloth sufficient for a Suit of Cloaths, with Trimmings, 3 yds. shalloon, 3 yds Linen for Lining & also to Capt. John Mitchell of the same Regiment Cloth sufficient for a Suit of Cloaths, 3 yds shalloon 3 yds Linen for lining 1 p^{s} Brittanies of the 2nd Quality and 2 pair of Stockings in part of the Articles allowed by the General Assembly. p. 148

That the said Commissary deliver to Col^{o} Uriah Forrest 2 pieces of Brittanies of the first Quality for General Smallwood in part of the Articles &^{ca}

[Gov. Lee to Colo Josias Carvil Hall] Liber C C No. 22 p. 99

Sir I have received your Letter of the 2^{d} Ins^{t} and think I cannot, with Propriety interpose and stop the regular Course of the Law without being previously informed of the particular Circumstances of each Person's Case committed and confined in Goal and therefore must request the Favor of you to apply to the Magistrates who committed the Soldiers and obtain a State of the Proof or Testimony against each Person. If the Crimes with which they stand charged, are not attrocious, or the Evidence against any of them should be insufficient to induce an Opinion of their Delinquency, and no Inconvenience likely to result to the Public from my Interference, I shall not hesitate to free them from their Restraint, Zeal for the Common Cause and a strong Inclination to oblige you, conspire powerfully to influence me to take every Measure to restore these Men to the Army, that is not incompatible with the Laws of the State and the great Duties I owe to Society

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Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That Mr John Crisall issuing Commissary deliver to Jane Davis a Soldiers wife 4 days Provisions for herself and two children as Subsistence on their return

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Ignatius Brashear lately of the second Regiment one Coat and Waistcoat, which was left with Mrs. Bonner in Annapolis and taken from her by order of the Governor and Council.

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That the said Commissary deliver to Ensign Henry Gassaway of the 2nd Brigade Cloth sufficient for a Suit of Cloaths, with Trimmings, 3 yds Shalloon, 3 yds Linen for Lining, 2 pair Stockings and 1 piece Brittanies of the 3d Quality. to Capt. Lieut. John Gassaway of the 2d Regimt Cloth sufficient for a Waistcoat and Breeches, with Trimmings 2 pair Stockings and 1 ps Brittanies of 2nd Quality. to Capt. Archibald McCallister of the 1st Regimt Cloth sufficient for a Suit of Cloaths, with Trimmings, 2 pair Stockings and 1 piece of Brittanies. to Major Levin Winder 2 ps Brittanies, Trimming for a Coat and 2 pair of Stockings. to Lieut. Nicholas Gassaway of the 3d Regimt Cloth sufft for a Waistcoat and Breeches with Trimmings, 2 pair Stockings and 1 piece of Brittanies. to Capt. George Hamilton of the 5th Regimt 1 piece of Brittanies. to Lieut. Thomas Hugoe of the 5th Regiment Cloth sufficient for a Waistcoat & Breeches with Trimmings sufft for a Suit of Cloaths and 1 piece of Brittanies. to Lieut Richard Waters of the 1st Regimt Cloth sufft for a Waistcoat and Breeches with Trimmings, 2 pair Stockings and 1 ps Brittanies. & to William Kelty surgeon to the 5th Regimt Cloth sufficient for a Waistcoat & Breeches with Trimmings, 2 pair Stockings and 1 ps Brittanies in part of the Articles alld them by the G. Assy

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Allen Quynn Esqr one hundred and sixty two Pounds ten shillings per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to John Brice Esqr seven hundred and twenty Pounds due him for his Attendance in Council to this Instant.

That the said Treasurer pay to James Brice Esqr seven hundred and sixty pounds due him for his Attendance in Council to this Instant

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[Council to Commodore Grason]

Sir Permit Mr McBryde's Vessel to proceed on her Voyage to Wiccomico for Flour, for the Use of the State. From Colo Hollingsworth's Letter of the 4th Inst we have Reason to believe that a sufficient Number of Vessels are procured for the Transportation of the Troops destined for reinforcing the Southern Army, therefore request you will not continue to impress more, without further Directions from this Board

May 6
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Saturday 6th May 1780

Present as yesterday.

Commission of Letters of Marque and Reprisal issued to Wm Jones Commander of the Schooner Two Sisters, 40 Tons burthen, navigated by 11 Men, mounting 4 Swivels and 6 small Arms belonging to John Sterett &Co Baltimore.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Elie Vallette six hundred and twenty five Pounds due him p Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l] Liber C B No. 23 p. 149

[Council to Colo John Gunby] Liber C C No. 22 p. 100

Sir Enclosed you have a Resolve of the General Assembly, directing a Hogshead of Rum to be furnished and distributed amongst the Non commissioned Officers and Privates of the first Maryland Brigade and an Order on M[r] Joseph Williams for the same

[Gov. Lee to Honble Speaker of the House of Delegates]

Sir The Enclosure I received by Gen[l] Gist. The Subject of the Requisition, I beg Leave to refer to the Consideration of the House of Delegates and must request you to lay the Matter before them. The present exhausted State of the Treasury is, no Doubt, known to the Gentlemen of the Assembly and as the Business requires Dispatch, their Discernment will point out the proper Mode of Proceedure in this Exigency. I have to observe that I have not, officially received the Resolve alluded to by the Baron DeKalb, tho' I doubt not the Fact is as represented.

Monday 8th May 1780 Liber C B No. 23 May 8 p. 149

Present as on Saturday. Dan[l] Carrol Esq[r] Attended.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Col[o] John Gunby of the 7th Regim[t] 1 p[s] of Brittanies. to Lieut. Samuel M[c]Pherson of the 1st Reg[t] and Capt. Richard Bird of 5th Regim[t] each 1 p[s] Brittanies and Trimmings for a Coat. to Capt. William Bruce, Lieut. Edw[d] Edgerly of the 1st Reg[t] Capt. George Armstrong of 3[d] Reg[t] Lieut[o] Benjamin Garnet and James Gould of the 5th Regim[t] each Trimmings for a Suit of Cloaths and 1 piece of Brittanies. to Lieut. Arthur Harris of the 5th Regim[t] Cloth suff[t] for a Jacket and Breeches with Trimmings for a Suit of Cloaths and 1 p[s] Brittanies. to Lieut Thomas Price of the 3[d] Regim[t] 1 p[s] Brittanies and Trimmings for a Jacket and Breeches. to Capt. Benjamin Brooks of the 3[d] Regim[t] Trimg[s] suff[t] for a Coat 2 p[r] Stockings and 1 p[s] Brittanies. to Capt. Thomas Mason of the 7th Reg[t] Trimmings suff[t] for a Coat, 2 pair of Stockings and 1 p[s] Brittanies. to Lieut Philip Read of the 5th Regim[t] Trimmings suff[t] for a Suit of Cloaths, 2 pair of Stockings and 1 p[s] Brittanies to Capt. Jonathan Morris of the 7th Regim[t] 2 p[s] Brittanies. to Ensign William Pendergast of the 5th Regim[t] Cloth suff[t] for a Suit of Cloaths with Trimmings, 1 p[s] Brittanies & 2 p[r] Stockings. to Lieut William Lamar of the 7th Regim[t] 1 p[s] Brittanies & Trimmings for a waistcoat and Breeches. to Capt. Richard Anderson of the 7th Regim[t] 1 p[s] of Brittanies and Trimmg[s] for a Jacket and Breeches. to Thomas Parran Surgeon of the 6th Regim[t] Trim-

Liber C B No. 23 mings for a Coat, 3 yds Linen for Lining and 1 p^{s} Brittanies. to Capt. John Hawkins of the 5th Regim^{t} Cloth and Trimmings for a Suit of Cloaths, Lining for lining, 2 pair of Stockings and 1 p^{s} Brittanies. to Lieut John Carr of the 3^{d} Reg^{t} 1 p^{s} Brittanies & some thread. to Capt. John Wilmot of the 3^{d} Reg^{t} 1 p^{s} Brittanies. to Lieut. Gassaway Watkins of the 7th Regim^{t} 2½ yds Linen for lining 2 pair Stockings & 1 p^{s} Brittanies—to Capt. Peregrine Benson of the 5th Regm^{t} Trimmings for a Suit of Cloaths 2½ yds Linen for Lining, 2 p^{r} Stockings and 1 p^{s} Brittanies. to Capt. Jonathan Gibson of the 5th Regim^{t} Cloth and Trimmings for a Suit of Cloaths, 2 pair of Stockings and 1 p^{s} Brittanies. to Capt John Gist of Col^{o} Nathl Gists Regim^{t} Cloth and Trimmings suff^{t} for a Suit of Cloaths 2 pair of Stockings and 1 p^{s} Brittanies in part of the Articles allowed by the General Assembly.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. George Hamilton four hundred and sixty seven Pounds Eight shillings due him ꝑ Acc^{t} passed by the D. Aud.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. Thomas Mason Twenty nine Pounds ꝑ Account passed by the Dep^{y} Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Richard Sappington one hundred and seventy nine Pounds five shillings ꝑ Acc^{t} passed by the Dep^{y} Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. John Hawkins of the 5th Regim^{t} four hundred Dollars the Gratuity allowed by the General Assembly ꝑ Resolve of the 11th December 1778.

p. 150 That the said Treasurer pay to Capt Joseph Smith for the use of Capt. Jno Gist of Col^{o} Nathaniel Gist's Regiment four hundred Dollars allowed by a Resolve of the Genl Assembly of the 11th December 1778 and Two thousand Dollars allowed by an Act of Assembly in lieu of the Articles for the year 1779.—

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[Council to Mr. David Poe]

Sir We received your Letter of the 7th Ins^{t} You must send the Beef and Pork to this Place in the first Vessel; you need not purchase any more until you receive Orders from us. Enclosed you have an Order on the Collector of Baltimore County for twenty thousand Pounds to enable you to comply with your Contract. You must transmit us an Acc^{t} of the Money expended by you in the Purchase of Pork and Beef

[Council to the Collectors of the Tax]

Sir We have transmitted you a Copy of a Resolve of the General Assembly, requesting us to send to the Collectors to make immediate

Payment of the five Pound Tax. Our Treasury is empty and, unless the Collectors exert themselves and pay in the Money as soon as received it will not be in our Power to conduct the Public Business for without Money nothing can be effected. The Necessity of obtaining a large Sum for the Officers to enable them to bear their Expences on their March to the Southward, we are satisfied, is sufficient to prompt you to use the utmost Diligence in Collecting.

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[Council to the Commissioners of Baltimore Town.]

Gentlemen One Half of the Maryland Division are now at this City, on their March to the Southward, the other is daily expected. Before they can proceed, it is absolutely necessary that two hundred thousand Pounds should be distributed among the Officers, to enable them to defray their Expences on their March. Congress have resolved that the Officers be indemnified in the Loss they have sustained by the Depreciation of the Money, but cannot comply with their Resolution at this Time, being destitute of Money. The General Assembly impressed with the Necessity of Supplying the Officers with a Sum adequate to the above Purpose, and revolving in their Minds the exhausted State of the Treasury and the Want of other Means to procure Money, found themselves constrained to have recourse to the Expedient of Borrowing and have authorized and requested us to make Application to the Inhabitants of Baltimore Town for a Loan of two hundred thousand Pounds. If the Expedient should fail, we cannot say what will be the Result, but the most dreadful Consequences are to be apprehended, from detaining the Troops here, and the Officers cannot march without Money. The Inhabitants of Baltimore must receive the highest Satisfaction from the Idea Suggested by the Resolve that the Treasury is exhausted and all other Resources to procure Money fail the Virtue, Magnanimity and patriotism of Baltimore may be depended on, to extricate the State from its Embarrasments and Difficulties at the most critical Conjuncture. We have candidly represented our Situation without Colouring or Exaggeration and flatter ourselves that will be a Sufficient Inducement with them to render the Assistance required. The Money lent is to be repaid within three Weeks. We request you to convene the Inhabitants of the Town immediately and to lay this Letter and the enclosed Resolves before them. If you think the Money will be lent keep the Express and send it down by him.

Tuesday 9th May 1780.

May 9 Liber C B No. 23 p. 150

Present as yesterday.

Commission of Letters of Marque and Reprisal issued to William Waud Commander of the Schooner Laurens, 50 Tons Burthen, navi-

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Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Maj^{r} Arch^{d} Anderson & Lieut Henry Baldwin of the 3^{d} Regim^{t} each 1 piece of Brittanies. to Maj^{r} Alexander Roxburgh of the 7th Reg^{t} and Capt. Walker Muse of the 1st Regim^{t} each Trimmings for a Coat and one piece of Brittanies. to Ens. Edmund Compton of the 1st Reg^{t} Trimmings for a Coat, 1 piece of Brittanies and 1 p^{r} Stockings. to Lieut Patrick Donnelly of the 7th Regim^{t} Cloth for a Jacket and Breeches, Trimmings for a Suit of Cloaths 1 piece of Brittanies and 2 pair Stockings. to Lieut. Peter Hardcastle of the 7th Regiment Trimmings for a Coat, 1 piece Brittanies and 2 pair Stockings. to Col^{o} Thomas Woolford of the 5th Regim^{t} Trimmings for a Suit of Cloaths, 1 piece Brittanies and two p^{r} Stockings. to Capt. Jonathan Sellman of the 4th Regim^{t} Trimmings for a Suit of Cloaths & 1 p^{s} Brittanies. to Lieut Edward Duvall of the 2^{d} Reg^{t} Cloth sufficient for a Suit of Cloaths with Trimmings & 1 piece of Brittanies. to the Reverend Mr Montgomery Chaplain to the 1st Brigade of Maryland Troops 1 p^{s} of Brittanies in part of the Articles allowed by the Genl Assembly & also to Capt John Smith of the 3^{d} Regim^{t} 2 Coats, 29 Waistcoats, 7 p^{r} Overalls & 2 p^{r} Stock^{gs} for the Recruits of said Reg^{t} as a Bounty allowed by the Act of Assembly, 31 Blankets to be charged to said Regim^{t} also 2 Coats, 2 Vests, 2 pair of Overalls, 2 Shirts and 2 pair of Shoes to be delivered over to the Recruits of the 4th Regim^{t} as a Bounty allowed by the Act of Assembly and 12 Blanketts to be charged to the said Regiment. and also to Lieut Jacquess Bagness, 7 pieces of Brittanies one of which to be retained by himself the other six to be delivered one to each of Capt. Lieut. Findley, Lieuts. Robert Wilmot, Young Wilkinson, Isaac Rawlings, Clement Skerett and John Chever of the Artillery Companies in the Cont^{l} Service. to Capt Richard Dorsey 1 p^{s} of Brittanies for Lieut James M^{c}fadon of Artillery in part of the Articles allowed by the General Assembly. to Jacob Owens a private of the late Capt. Gales Comp^{y} 1 shirt, 1 p^{r} Overalls and 1 pair Shoes. to Capt Henry Gaither 30 Blankets for the 1st 2^{d} & 3^{d} Reg^{t} also 10 Blankets for the 5th & 24 D^{o} for the 7th Regiment

Ordered That John Shaw Armourer Deliver to Col^{o} Forrests Order Water Casks for a Transport taking Troops to Virginia to be charged to the Continent. also 20^{lb} of Musket Powder for the Use of the Transports going to Virginia with Troops to be charged to the Continent at £15. ꝑ Lt.

That Capt. George Keeports deliver to Capt. Lieut. Eben Findley, Lieut^{s} James M^{c}fadon, Jacques Bagness, Young Wilkinson, Robert Wilmot, Isaac Rawlings, Clement Skerett & John Chever of the Artillery Comp^{y}s Trimmings suff^{t} for a Suit of Cloaths.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. M^c^Callister seventy Pounds, fifteen shillings due him per Account passed by the Dep^y^ Aud. Liber C B No. 23 p. 151

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Thomas B. Hugou Two hundred and six Pounds five shillings due him ꝑ Account passed by the D. Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Ens. William Pendergast of the 5th Regim^t^ Two thousand Dollars in lieu of the Articles allowed for the year 1779.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. William D. Beall of the 6th Regim^t^ Two thousand Dollars to be expended in the recruiting Service and Accounted for.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. John Smith one hundred and ninty nine Pounds ten shillings due him ꝑ Account passed by the Dep^y^ Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Col^o^ Josias Carvil Hall five hundred and Fifty Dollars the Bounty paid John Martin and Recruit for the 4 Regim^t^ and for enlisting him.

That the said Treasurer pay to Richard Johns Paymaster to Col^o^ Edward Cockeys Batt. of Militia Baltimore County Two hundred and ninty one Pounds for the Use of said Battalion per Account passed by the Dep^y^ Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Philip Read of the 5th Regim^t^ Fifty three Pounds, twelve shillings and six Pence due him per Account passed by the D. Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Townsend one hundred and thirty five Pounds due him ꝑ Account passed by the Dep^y^ Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Charles Wallace Esqr Two thousand Pounds to be delivered over to Jonathan Hudson Esqr in part for Blankets purchased of him by the Governor and Council.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Lieut. Jacques Bagness seventy five Pounds due him for the making a Complete Suit of Regimental Uniform ꝑ Account passed by the D. Aud. and the further Sum of one thousand four hundred Dollars to be by him delivered over to the following Officers of Artillery, Capt Lieut Eben Findley, Lieut^s^ Robert Wilmot, Clement Skeritt, Young Wilkinson, James M^c^fadon, Isaac Rawlings and John Chever each two hundred Dollars in lieu of the making a Complete Suit of Regimental Uniform allow them by Act of Ass^y^

Capt. Henry Gaither is requested to Deliver to Lieut Jacques Bagness of the late Capt. Gales Company of Artillery all the Matrosses which he has received and were formerly of Gales Comp^y^, they being incorporated into the Cont^l^ Artillery Service by Act of Assembly.

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Present as on Yesterday.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores Deliver to Lieut John Lynn of the 6th Regt Trimmings for a Coat, 1 piece Brittanies and 2 pair of Stockings in part of the Articles alld by the General Assembly.

That the said Comy deliver to John Penny a Recruit for 2d Regt a Suit of Cloaths the Bounty alld by the Act of Assembly.

p. 152 Commission of Letter of Marque and Reprisal issued to Martin Parkinson Commander of the Sloop Jane 40 Tons burthen, navigated by 25 Men mounting 6 Carriage Guns and 12 small Arms belonging to Oneal Deakins &Co of Maryland.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. Joseph Smith of Colo Gist's Regimt one hundred and Twenty one Pounds, fifteen shillings due him ꝑ Acc. passed by the D. Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Edward Oldham of the 4th Regimt five hundred Dollars in part of the three thousand Dollars allowed to the Officers by the General Assembly to bear their Expenses on their March to the Southward.

That the said Treasurer pay to Peter Blake, five thousand Pounds to be delivered over to Jonathan Hudson Esquire in part of an order drawn by Capt. George Keeports the 5th Instant for thirty thousand Pounds for Blankets Purchased of Mr Hudson by order of the Govr & Co

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. John Gassaway one hundred Dollars for enlisting John Penny a Recruit for the second Regimt

That John Shaw Armourer deliver to Colo Uriah Forrest 40ł Cannon Powder and 3ł of the best glaized Powder for the Transports carrying Troops to Virginia to be charged to the Continent Cannon @ £13 and glaized Powder at £15 ꝑ ł.

That John Crisall Issuing Commissary deliver to Catharine Tisdale and Mary Sullivane Soldiers wives of the 7th Regimt each 3 Days Rations.

Permission given to Mrs. Jane Stewart to solicit leave of his Excellency Genl Washington or the commanding Officer at the Out Posts of the American Army to go into the City of New York with three of her Children and their Nurse Elizabeth Jackson, not to return into this State during the Present War with Britain without leave from the Governor and Council first had and obtained. And Permission is likewise Given Major William Brogden who has given the most unequivocal Evidence of his Attachment to America, to Attend Mrs Stewart as far as the American Lines.

Pardon granted to Joseph Pherill convicted in Montgomery County Court for a Rape on Condition that he forthwith Inlist him-

self into some one of the Regiments of the Quota of this State in the Continental Army during the War and that he do not desert therefrom

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[Council to Capt John Swan]

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Sir As you inform us that you have Money in your Hands sufficient to procure the Plank and to have it conveyed to a proper Place, we request you to have this done immediately. As we do not know where you intend to make the Purchase and are not sufficiently acquainted with the Landings on the Eastern Shore, we must leave it to your own Iudgment whether it would not be best to have the Plank conveyed to Baltimore, where the Vessel in that Case might take in all her Loading if a Flag is obtained, or if not, it might be readily sold for at least Cost and Charges

[Council to Jonathan Hudson Esqr]

Sir We have just received yours of the 5th Inst and on making an Enquiry into the State of the Treasury, are concerned to find it is not in our Power at present to pay the Whole of Mr Keeport's Order in your Favor. We yesterday paid Mr Keeport's Order at Sight for £2000 and have given an Order for five thousand to Mr Blake in Part of the Order for thirty thousand Pounds and the Remainder will be paid as soon as possible. We have to lament your Disappointment and to assure you it is founded in the exhausted State of the Treasury only and not in Want of Inclination in us.

Thursday 11th May 1780

May 11 Liber C B No. 23 p. 152

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. James Somerville seventy Eight Pounds, fifteen shillings due him ꝑ Acc. passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Edward Duvall of the 2d Regimt seven Pounds sixteen shillings and six Pence due him & Acc. passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. James Ewing of the 2d Regt Eighty nine Pounds due him ꝑ Account passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Edward Edgerly one hundred and forty six Pounds due him ꝑ Acct passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Walter Warfield Surgeon to the 2d Reg. sixty three Pounds due him ꝑ Account passed by the Depy Aud.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut Richard Donovan of the 6th Regimt 1 piece of Brittanies. to Capt. Hary Dobson of the 6th Regimt 1 piece of Brittanies. to John Ross Asst p. 153

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That the western shore Treasurer pay to Thomas Duckett seventy five Pounds due him p Account passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. John Gassaway ninty two Pounds, five shillings due him per Account passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Jonathan Parker two hundred Pounds on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to William Hemsley Esquire three thousand Eight hundred and seventy four Pounds, seven shillings and six Pence in full for the balance of 200 Brles. of Flour Purchased of him by the Governor and Council.

That the said Treasurer pay to Ens. William Murdock of the 6th Regimt one hundred and twenty seven Pounds ten shillings p Acct passed by the Depy Aud.

Liber C C No. 22 p. 102 [Council to Henry Dickinson Esqr. Treasr of the E. Shore]

Sir The Distress of the State for Money has been so very great, that the General Assembly to supply the Officers to enable them to bear their Expences on their March to the Southward, have been constrained to Solicit a Loan of £200,000 from the Inhabitants of Baltimore Town. We are not so sanguine as to expect this Requisition will be fully complied with and therefore have sent this Express for all the Money you can spare, to make up the Deficiency of the £200,000 and to answer the ordinary Demands on the Treasury. As this Money is to be paid in three Weeks, we have wrote to the Collectors of the several Counties to make Payment of the five Pound Tax, as soon as possible, and hope you will use every Method to induce them to bring in the Money without Delay and for that Purpose request you to forward the Letters herewith sent.

May 12 Liber C B No. 23 p. 153 Friday 12th May 1780.

Present as on yesterday.

Permission is hereby granted to Mrs. Francis Nicholson to Apply to His Excellency General Washington or to the Officer commanding at the Out Posts of the American Army for his License to go into the City of New York on a Visit to her Father.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Ens. Henry Gassaway of the 2d Regimt Thirty seven Pounds ten shillings to pay for making a Suit of Cloaths p Account passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Col° O H Williams Eight thousand, nine hundred and sixty one Pounds, twelve shillings ꝑ Acc^t passed by the Aud. Genl Liber C B No. 23

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt Lilburn Williams of the 2nd Regim^t Cloth and Trimmings for a Waistcoat and Breeches and two pair Stockings. to Ensign John McGwire of the 3^d Regim^t Trimmings for a Suit of Cloaths, 1 p^s Brittanies & 2 p^r Stockings in p^t of the Articles allowed by the Genl Assembly, and also to John Penny of the 2^d Regim^t one Blanket.

That the Collector of the Tax for Baltimore County pay to David Poe Esquire Twenty thousand Pounds on Acc^t

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John Randall four hundred and seven thousand eight hundred and sixty Dollars to be paid over by him to the Officers of the Maryland Division agreeable to a Resolve of the General Assembly of the seventh Instant and to be charged to Congress accordingly. The said Treasurer is to Deliver to Mr Randall five hundred and Eighty one Pounds in Specie in Lieu of ninty two thousand nine hundred and sixty Dollars part of the above Sum.

[Council to Capt. Geo. P. Keeports]

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Sir Mr Randal is now with us, on his way to Virginia with the Cloathing for our Troops: it is necessary he should take with him an Account of what you have delivered since your last Return to him, and therefore request you to send it immediately down and hope to receive it to-morrow. We should be glad to know whether you have received the Shoes and Stockings of M^r McFadon

[Council to John Randall]

166 Officers	at 1900 each	is	315.400 Dollars
166	@ £3..10..0	is	£581 Specie

Paid Capt Oldham out of the above Sum 500 Dollars, which is included in the above.

Sir. You will receive the above Sums of three hundred and fifteen thousand four hundred Dollars and five hundred and eighty one Pounds in Specie, to be equally divided among the Officers of the Maryland Line and Staff, to enable them to bear their Expences on their March to the Southward You will return a List of the Names of all Officers to this Board as soon as may be, to whom you pay the above Sums—

Saturday 13th May 1780

May 13 Liber C B No. 23 p. 154

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Henry Ridgely three hundred and Eighty three Pounds. sixteen shillings and Eight Pence due him ꝑ Acc^t passed by the D. Aud.

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That the said Treasurer pay to John Wilmot Junr Three hundred and Eighty three Pounds five shillings due him ꝑ Acc^{t} passed by the Dep^{y} Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Joseph Eastman Two thousand Dollars to be deliv^{d} over to Peregrine Fitzhugh Lieut of the 3^{d} Regim^{t} of Light Dragoons (Baylors) in lieu of the Articles allowed by Act of Assembly.

Ordered That Mr John Randall Sub Clothier of the State of Maryland Purchase on the Credit thereof Sugar Coffee, Tea, Soap, Rum, Irish Linens Broad Cloth and Trimmings for the use of the Officers and Privates of the Maryland Troops in the Continental Service.

Whereas it appears to this Board from a Certificate from George Keeports. that He some time in August 1776 enlisted James Fox as a private to serve for three Years in the Company He then Commanded in the German Regiment, but not being a German or the Son of a German could not Serve in that Regiment and at his own request was turned over to a Company of Matrosses in Baltimore Town and it also appearing from a Certificate given by Nathaniel Smith who commanded the Matross Company to which he was turned over that to His knowledge he never Signed any Enlistment with him, the said James Fox having served the Time for which he engaged is hereby Discharged.

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[Council to Capt. Wm. Middleton]

Sir The Fly, a Vessel belonging to Mr Maccubbin, is loaded with a Supply of Cloathing for the Troops of the Maryland Line. She is entirely defenceless and, to proceed to Petersburg without a Convoy, at this Time, with a Cargo so extremely valuable would be hazardous. We therefore request you will accompany her to the Mouth of James River, or until she shall be out of the Reach of the Enemy

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Monday 15 May 1780

Present as on Saturday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Richard Dallam Esquire Ten thousand Pounds and also the further Sum of Ten thousand Pounds on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt John Smith one hundred and sixty eight Pounds, seven shillings and six Pence due him ꝑ Acc^{t} passed by the D. Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to his Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esquire three thousand Pounds in part of his Salary due the 8th May.

That the Eastern shore Treasurer pay to Richard Dallam Esquire Twenty thousand Pounds on Account.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt John Smith of the 6th Regimt 6 Coats, 6 Waistcoats, 6 pair of Breeches, 6 Shirts, 6 pair of Shoes, 6 pair of Overalls, 6 pair Stockgs and 6 hatts the Bounty allowed by the Genl Assembly and to be accounted for and 6 Blankets to be charged to said Regimt to be delivered over to so many Recruits of same Regimt Liber C B No. 23

That the said Commissary Deliver to Nicholas Hutchinson, John Brooks, John Dawson, John Murphey, John Cockran, Peter Outhouse and Jesse Barret Recruits for the 7th Regimt each 1 pair Overalls and to John Riggs a Recruit for the same Regt 1 pr Shoes and 1 pair Overalls in part of the Bounties allowed them by the Act of Assembly for raising the Quota of Troops &ca and the Supplement thereto. also to Capt. William Beatty of the 7th Regimt 8 Blanketts to be charged to the said Regiment.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Colo Forrest or his order such Articles of Cloathing &ca as may be necessary for the accommodation of the sick Soldiers of the Maryland Troops in the Continental Army in this City to be charged to the Continent. p. 155

That the said Commissary deliver to Michael Shaw of the 6th Regimt one Shirt

Mr Dallam is requested by this Board to dispose of the Shorts, Bran and Ship Stuff from the Wheat manufactured by him and to Account for the same.

Commission issued to Baker Johnson appointed Lieutenant of Frederick County Militia.

[Council to Honble. Mr. Holker] Liber C C No. 22

Sir Your Letter of the 8th Instt we received. It is not yet in our Power to ascertain the Quantity of Flour and Wheat purchased for the French Marine, that was seized by the Commissioners of this State; when we have Information on this Subject, it shall be communicated. The Commissioners have been directed to restore to Mr Smith and his Deputies what was seized, and if Restitution has been made of less than was seized, the Commissioners must account to us for the Residue. Mr Smith must know what was seized in his Possession, and when his Deputies make Returns of what was purchased by them and seized by the Commissioners and since restored, in Pursuance of our Directions, he will be enabled to ascertain with exact Precision, the Quantity purchased, the Quantity seized, and the Quantity since delivered up. If the Commissioners have not restored what they seized, Measures will be adopted to compel them to account for the Deficiency. We do not mean to give Assurances that cannot be depended on, and therefore must delay complying with your Request, 'til we obtain a full and satisfactory Account of the Flour and Wheat procured in Consequence of our late Law. If we p. 103 p. 104

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were to act otherwise, the Evils resulting from a Disappointment would be justly imputable to us. Our Sense of the Importance of supplying the French Fleets and Armies, corroborated by our earnest Desire that every Matter transacted in this State for the Interest of our Ally should give entire Satisfaction to the Minister, will prompt us to give the Assurance solicited as soon as possible and to use every Exertion to prevent his Plans and Operations from being disconcerted or in any Manner embarrassed. In our Letter of the 1st of April to Mr Smith we requested him to inform us what Quantity of Flour and Wheat has been purchased in this State for the French Marine, and how much exported. By his Letter of the 13th April, he has promised to let us know the Amount of the Purchases made by him and his Deputies. This Information is necessary and we have no Doubt will be given, as soon as Mr Smith can get Returns from his Deputies. You may rest assured the 15000 Barrels will be made up, but, such is our present Situation that we cannot say when the whole will be delivered—

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Tuesday 16th May 1780.

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Major Davidson of the 2d Regimt 1 Coat, 1 Vest and 1 pair Overalls to be charged to the said Regimt

Wednesday 17th May 1780.

Present as on Yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Thomas Hyde three hundred and sixty Pounds ꝑ Acct passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Colo Uriah Forrest Eight hundred Pounds to be expended in necessaries for the Sick Soldiers in this City belonging to the Continl Army to be accounted for.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Serjt Benjamin Fickle of the 7th Regimt on the Recruiting Service 1 Coat, 1 Waistcoat, 1 pair Overalls, 1 Shirt, 1 pr Stockings 1 pair Shoes & 1 hat to be charged to the said Regiment.

That the Collector of the Tax for Frederick County pay to Capt. William Beatty of the 7th Regimt Five hundred and fifty five Pounds in lieu of the necessaries allowed by Act of Assembly to the Officers in the Maryland Line from 1st of January to the 1st of April.

That the Collector of the Tax for Charles County pay to Capt Joseph Marbury Five hundred and fifty five Pounds in lieu of the necessaries allowed by Act of Assembly &ca

Thursday 18th May 1780. Liber C B No. 23 May 18

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Collector of the Tax for Frederick County pay to Capt. William Beatty of the 7th Regiment five thousand Dollars to be expended in the Recruiting Service & Accd for.

That the Collector of the Tax for Kent County pay to Capt Edward Wright of the 7th Regimt Three hundred and Fifty five Pounds, fifteen shillings Balance due him on Acct of the Recruiting Service.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Josiah McGhee of the 5th Regiment lately Discharged 1 pair of Shoes to be charged to the said Regimt and also to Captain William Beatty of the 7th Regimt 1 Linen Coat for John Riggs a soldier of the said Regiment.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esquire one thousand eight hundred and ninety four Pounds, one shilling in part of his Salary to the 8th Inst.

That Mr John Shaw deliver to John Davidson Esqr 6 Bbls. Cannon Powder which he purchased of the Governor and Council at Public Sale, Mr Shaw weighing & taking his Receipt therefor

[Council to President of Congress] Liber C C No. 22 p. 104

Sir Mr John Davidson of this City, has deposited forty seven thousand, nine hundred and eighty six Dollars and two thirds of a Dollar, in the Continental Treasury here, in Expectation of receiving Bills of Exchange from Congress at the Rate of one Spanish Dollar for every forty Continental Dollars. If Bills cannot be obtained upon the above Terms, we have engaged to repay this Money to Mr Davidson. The Continental and State Treasuries, are quite exhausted and the Demands of the Baron DeKalb could not have been answered, if we had not consented to that Expedient, to supply the Treasury with Money. We have been informed, Congress have sold Bills at the Rate herein specified; if that is the Case, as the Money has already been appropriated to the Use of Congress, we suppose there cannot be any Objection to furnishing Mr Davidson with the Bills

Friday 19th May 1780 Liber C B No. 23 May 19 p. 156

Present as on yesterday.

In Virtue of An Act of the General Assembly of this State entitled An Act to prohibit for a limited Time the exportation of Wheat, Flour, Rye, Indian Corn &ca Permission is hereby given to Capt Thomas Smith to transport from this State to the Islands of Bermuda three hundred Bushels of Indian Corn in the Sloop Hope for the Relief of the Inhabitants of the said Islands, Provided the said

Liber C B No. 23 Captain Thomas Smith, his Officers, Passengers and Crew previous to his Lading on board of the said Vessel any Corn, shall take the Oath prescribed by the 17th Section of the Act above mentioned.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. Henry Gaither 1 Camp Kettle, 1 Buckett 4 Scaines Marline for the use of the Hospital in this City and also to John Pierce, Samuel Pierce, John Denoon, Recruits for the 6th Regimt and to Fras Whitacre a Recruit for the 1st Regimt each a Suit of Cloaths the Bounty allowed by the late Acts of Assembly.

Liber C C No. 22 p. 105

[Council to Colo. Henry Hollingsworth]

Sir Having wrote to the Commissioners the 2d Instt to deliver agreeably to a late Resolution of the General Assembly, to Mr Smith or his Agent or Deputy, all the Wheat and Flour seized in their Hands, we expect the Dispute between Mr Veazey and the Commissioners of Cecil will be readily adjusted and that any Quantity which has been made use of will be replaced. If the Ship Stuff you mention can be made into Bread proper for the Army or Shipping we think your Scheme would be most advantageous to the State and in that Case, request you to have all that can be conveniently delivered at the Bake Houses, baked without Delay and on the best Terms you can make. The Act for an immediate Supply &ca directs the Commissioners to give Certificates for the Expences of Carriage; that is the only Mode and the Commissioners are the proper Persons to apply to, for Payment of Freight

[Council to President of Congress]

Sir We have the Honor of enclosing your Excellency two Resolutions of the General Assembly of Maryland to which we beg your Attention that they may be carried into Execution

[Council to Rich'd Dallam Esqr]

Sir We request you to carry the enclosed Resolution of the General Assembly into Execution. The Corn, Rye and Flour at Wrights Ferry are in a perishable and insecure State, therefore require your immediate Attention. If you find no Continental Deputy Quarter Master at York Town, we wish the Corn deposited by Mr Beatty at that Post, may be also sold

Liber C B No. 23 May 22 p. 156

Monday 22d May 1780

Present as on Friday.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to John Murphy a Recruit for the 6th Regt and also to Joshua Atkins a Recruit for the 2d Regimt each a Suit of Cloaths, the Bounty allowed by the late Acts of Assembly.

That the said Commissary deliver to John Mantle of the 6th Regiment one Blanket to be charged to the said Regiment. Liber C B No. 23

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Colo Uriah Forrest Eleven hundred Dollars the Bounties paid two Recruits, John Murphy and Joshua Atkins & for enlistg them.

[Council to Colo Henry Hollingsworth] Liber C C No. 22 p. 105

Sir We have received yours of the 19th Inst and request you to have the Flour sent by Mr McBryde, mixed with the Ship Stuff and baked into Bread proper for the Army or Shipping, without Delay

[Council to Colo. Solomon Stympson]

Sir We cannot conveniently send you any Money by Mr Jones as the Treasury is in a very exhausted State. We wish you to sell the Bags made for removing Corn, to the greatest Advantage, they will probably put you in Cash. The Storeage and Transportation of Grain ought to have been paid in Certificates. The Words of the Law are general and go to every Expence necessarily incurred in the Execution of it. If the Deficiency of Grain was unavoidable and not by Neglects or Embezzlements, the Loss ought, in Iustice to accrue to the State, if otherwise, the Persons employed should make it good

[Council to Joseph Baxter Esqr Shff of Baltimore] p. 106

Sir We received yours of the 10th Inst and have to lament that you should be so backward in your Collections. You must be mistaken respecting the Collection of the 5£ Tax, as the 10£ is to be paid in, by the 10th July and the 5£ ought to have been paid before this Time. We request you will furnish Mr Poe, agreeable to an Order given him

Tuesday 23rd May 1780. Liber C B No. 23 May 23 p. 156

Present as on yesterday

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt John Lynch one hundred and seventy nine Pounds, ten shillings due him p Acct passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Allen Quynn one thousand, one hundred and Eighty Eight Pounds, five shillings and the further Sum of Four hundred and nineteen Pounds fifteen shillings due him per Accounts passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Goldsmith, Six hundred and ninety six Pounds due him per Acct passed by the Depy Audr

That Mr Crisall deliver to Mr Muir 2 Hhds to pack up Medicines belonging to the Continent and to be charged to the Continent.

Liber C B No. 23 That the Commissary of Stores deliver to David Willoughby a Cont^{l} Soldier in the Delaware Regim^{t} with the Small Pox 1 shirt, 2 Sheets, one Blanket and a Matrass to be ch^{d} to the Continent and also to John Cheshire of the 7th Maryl^{d} Reg^{t} 1 Blanket ch^{d} to said Reg^{t}

Commission of Letters of Marque & Reprisal issued to Hugh Sherwood Com^{r} of the schooner Oxford 40 Tons burthen, navigated by 10 Men mount^{g} 6 Carr. Guns & 6 small arms belonging to Charles Crookshanks &C^{o} of the State of Maryland.

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Wednesday 24th May 1780

Present as on yesterday—

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. Michael Rudulph of Major Lees Corps, one hundred and Fifty Pounds the Gratuity allowed to the Officers of this State in the Continental Army by the Resolution of the 4th of Decem^{r} 1778 and seven hundred and Fifty Pounds the allowance made by the Act relating to the Officers and Soldiers of this State in the American Army &^{ca} passed the 22^{d} day of July 1779 also one thousand Eight hundred Pounds to be delivered to Capt. John Rudolph and Capt Handy of the same Corps, each nine hundred Pounds in Virtue of the said Resolution and Act and agreeably to a Resolution of the 11th April last.

That the said Treasurer pay to Alexander Clagett Ten thousand one hundred and thirty nine Pounds fifteen shillings to be by him delivered over to Col^{o} Moses Rawlings for the Garrison at Fort Frederick and to be Accounted for.

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Townsend one hundred and twenty seven pounds ten shillings due him ꝑ Acc^{t} passed by the Dep^{y} Aud.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to John Robinson and John Stokes Recruits for 2^{d} Regim^{t} each a Suit of Cloaths the Bounty allowed by the Genl Assembly.

That the said Commissary Deliver to William Dudson a 9 months Soldier in the 7th Regim^{t} Discharged the amount of Twenty nine Pounds, ten shillings in Cloathing due him by the Act of Assembly to Procure Troops for the American Army.

That the said Commissary deliver to William Lynch 7 shirts, 7 p^{r} Shoes, 2 Knapsacks and 4 Blankets to be delivered over to Capt. Joseph Marbury of the 3^{d} Regim^{t} for Genl Smalwoods Guard. also 3 shirts, 3 p^{r} of Shoes, 3 Knapsacks and 3 Blankets to be delivered over to Capt. John Davidson of the 2^{d} Regim^{t} and also 33 Shirts, 33 pair Shoes, 31, Knapsacks, and 14 Blankets to be by him delivered over to Capt. Joseph Marbury of the 3^{d} Regim^{t} for the following

Recruits for the said Regim^{t} John Hewin & Michael Lavigna each 1 Shirt, 1 p^{r} Shoes, Alexander Swan, Walter Glascow, William Hambleton, Henry Johnson, Thomas Drugh, John Goddard, Ch^{s} Mattenly, John Ferrel, Charles Williams, John Courts, George Millit, Thomas Ragan, Julius Mercer Nathaniel Knott, James Baley, Leonard Turner, Charles Goldsberry, John Drury, Nicholas Sissel, James Armstrong, John Scott, Francis Durington, William Robertson Franklin, John Hughes Jesse Semms, William Gates, John B. Haslip, Peter Sanguehart, Thomas Thompson, William Swann, & Joseph Thompson each 1 Shirt and 1 pair of Shoes, the Bounties allowed them by the Act of Assembly, the Blankets and Knapsacks to be charged to the Continent. Liber C B No. 23

That the said Commissary deliver to James Pope of the 3^{d} Regim^{t} 1 Blanket to be charged to the said Regiment.

[Council to Colo Samuel Smith] Liber C C No. 22 p. 106

Sir Not being able to ascertain the Wheat and Flour purchased by you for the Commonwealth of Virginia and seized by the Commissioners under the Law for supplying the Army &^{ca} we request you to give us what Information you can on this Subject, that Measures may be taken to restore or replace the Quantity seized. We have only to add, that Permits will be granted for the Exportation to Virginia, of what is wanting to make up the Quantity of Flour which, by a Letter from the late Governor and Council you were allowed to purchase

[Council to William Smith Esqr]

Sir In Consequence of your letter of the 13th Ult^{o} we had Hopes that such Information would have been obtained and communicated to us of the Quantity of Flour in the Hands of your Agents, as to have enabled us, by turning over what was deficient of the 15000 Barrels, to comply with the Resolve of the General Assembly. Being hitherto disappointed, we request you will give us the desired Information as Speedily as possible. In the mean Time whatever you can purchase, within the Quantity wanted, will aid us in carrying into Execution the Intention of the Assembly and in answering the Expectations of the Agent of the Marine of France, to whom we have enclosed a Copy of this Letter

Thursday 25th May 1780. Liber C B No. 23 May 25 p. 157.

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Ja^{s} Brice Esqr five hundred & five Pounds in part of his Allowance for his Attendance in Council.

Liber C B No. 23

Permission given to Christ° Page & his wife to solicit Leave to go into New York for the purpose of obtaining a Passage to G^r Britain not to return into this State during the present War without Leave of the Govr & Council for the Time being first had & obtained.

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[Council to Hon'ble. Mr. Holker]

Sir Referring to ours of the 15th Ins^t we think it would be Satisfactory to you to be informed of the subsequent Steps we have taken, relative to the Flour to be furnished for the Use of the Fleets and Armies of His most Christian Majesty in the West Indies, and have therefore sent you the enclosed. (The above to Mr Wm Smith.)

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Friday 26th May 1780

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Ensign Caleb Mason of the 2^d Regim^t Seventy four Pounds, twelve shillings and six Pence due him ꝑ Acc^t passed by the D. Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Randall four hundred and thirty six Pounds ten shillings and also the further Sum of ninety Six Pounds, fifteen shillings for the use of Lieut Edward Dyer of the 2^d Regim^t ꝑ Accounts passed by the Dep^y Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Doct. Thomas Parran one hundred and seventy Pounds due him ꝑ Account passed by the Dep^y Aud.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. Berry of the State Boat the Plater 2 Shirts, 2 p^r of Trousers, 1 Linen Jacket and 1 pair of Shoes to be delivered over to negro Michael the Property of the State.

The State Boat Plater took in State Goods for the Troops in Virginia and to Act as a Convoy to Maj^r Lee's Partizan Rangers on their way there, one half to be ch^d to Cont.

Proclamation issued for calling a Meeting of the General Assembly of this State on Wednesday the 7th Day of June next.

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[Council to Capt Robert Berry]

Sir You are to take on Board the Plater, the Stores Mr Randall will deliver to you and to proceed to Petersburg with them. As some Troops are now ready to depart, with the first fair wind you are directed to convoy them down. On delivering the Stores you are to return with all possible Dispatch

[Council to John Hanson and John Henry Esqrs.]

Sir—A Letter received yesterday Afternoon from the President of Congress, dated the 19th Ins^t advises that the State of Maryland is,

at this Time unrepresented in Congress and " That Matters of great Importance are now lying before Congress, which require the united Councils and vigorous Exertions of all the States," at the same Time earnestly requesting that Maryland may be represented as soon as possible. We take the Liberty of enclosing you an Extract of a second Letter from the President, received by the same Opportunity which fully evinces the Propriety of the first and the Necessity of an immediate Compliance with the Request therein contained Liber C C No. 22

[Council to the Agents appointed to receive Loans on the several Counties]

Sir The exhausted State of the Continental Treasury, arising from the Depreciation of the Paper Currency, the Backwardness of the States in furnishing their respective Quotas and the want of other effectual Resources, have induced Congress to solicit this State in the most earnest and pressing Manner to supply them with 1.234.350 Dollars by the 15th of Iune. This Money is our Proportion of ten millions of Dollars to be appropriated to the sole Purpose of bringing Our Army into the Field. The Recess of the General Assembly at this alarming Crisis and the Impossibility of convening them in proper Time to take Measures to comply with the above Requisition, make it incumbent on us to exert ourselves and to devise the most effectual Means in our Power to obtain that Sum. We are deeply impressed with the Necessity of putting our Army in motion and furnishing such Supplies as the Exigency and Nature of the Service require. In this Situation, no Mode so likely to procure the desired sum, within the Time limited, has occurred to us, as that of attempting a Loan. We are the more inclined to think this Measure cannot fail of Success from a recent Instance, that the Contributions of some of our virtuous and patriotic Citizens have afforded us. We know such is the Virtue and Patriotism of our Citizens, that they will contribute their Money and exert themselves to the utmost, to relieve our Army and enable them to cooperate with our noble Ally in accomplishing a Termination of the present War, and removing those p. 108
Evils and Calamities which are incident to it. We request you to apply to all the Inhabitants of your County, who you think can and will lend Money on this important Occasion, shew them this and the enclosed Extracts of a Letter from Congress and conjure them by that Love of their Country and Desire of Independence and establishing a permanent and happy Peace, which are the desirable Objects we are contending for, to lend us all the Money they can spare, upon this trying Emergency. The Money you obtain, you are to give a Receipt for and to engage the Repayment of, with 6 ꝑ Cent Interest by this State, as soon as a Sufficient Sum of the present Assessment is collected to enable us to do it. We desire you to pay the Money to the Treasurer of either Shore, as fast as it is obtained.

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[Council to the Members of the General Assembly]

Sir You will perceive, by the enclosed Extracts of a Letter and Resolve of Congress of the 19th Inst that our State is called on for 1.234.350 Dollars their Proportion of ten Millions of Dollars, without which the Army cannot be put in Motion. Congress have pointed out so fully the pressing and indispensable Necessity of an immediate Compliance with that Requisition, that we esteem it quite unnecessary to superadd any Arguments to evince the Propriety of the Assembly's meeting to adopt the most efficacious Measures for that and other Purposes of the greatest Moment. Nothing but the most important Business could have induced the Governor to convene the Assembly so early as the seventh Day of June, and we hope that, and the Consideration that you may dispatch the Business in Time to return to Harvest, will influence you to meet on that Day without Reluctance

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Saturday 27th May 1780

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Lieut Edward Duvall Eighty eight Pounds, ten shillings per Acct passed by the Depty Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Ens. Samuel Hamilton of the 6th Regimt five hundred and fifty five Pounds Due him per Acct passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Charles Bivan seventy five Pounds ꝑ Account passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Jonathan Parker three hundred Pounds on Acct

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt Robert Berry Four hundred and twenty one Pounds, ten shillings due him per Acct passed by the Depy Aud.

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Capt. Archer 20ts Candles for the use of Majr Lee's Corps nȯw on their way to the Southward to be charged to the Continent

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Ens. Jacob Crawford of the 2d Regimt 13 Blankets, 2 of them for Recruits of the 1st 2 for the 2d 2 for the 4th 2 for the 5th & 5 for the 7th Regimt to be charged to the several Regimts

Permission is hereby given to William Bacon to solicit Leave of Genl Washington or the Commanding Officer at Elizabeth Town to go to New York for the Purpose of obtaining a Passage to Great Britain agreeably to a Resolve of the House of Delegates of the 10th of April last.

Monday 29th May 1780 Liber C B No. 23 May 29

Present as on Saturday except Danl Carroll Esqr

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Thos Boone one hundred & ninety one Pounds, five shillings for nursing & taking care of David Willowby a Soldr of the Dela Regt in the small pox to be charged to the Continent.

Warrant issued directed to Capt. Robert Berry to impress a Vessel for the Purpose of Transporting a Number of Officers of the Maryland Line with their Bagage from the City of Annapolis to the Common Wealth of Virginia to join the Maryland Division on their March to the Southward. p. 159

[Council to Board of War] Liber C C No. 22 p. 108

Gent From the Representation of some of the Officers of the Maryland Line, we are inclined to think that the peculiar Situation of that Division renders a further and an immediate Appointment of Officers necessary, and therefore we wish, if it can be done with Propriety, that you will commission William Sim, Adam Jaimison, Joshua Rutledge and John Clarke, Ensigns in the fourth Regiment, strongly recommended by Colo Hall; Edward Hamilton and John Brevit Ensigns, the former recommended by General Smallwood and the latter by General Gist and other Gentlemen.—Rigby,—Edmiston and Ezekiel Harrey, for Ensigncies in the sixth Regiment by Colo Williams. We submit to your Consideration, whether at this critical Iuncture, the Advantages arising to the Army from filling these Vacancies will not over balance any Inconveniencies which were apprehended from further appointments, In Consequence of our Letter of the 26th Iany last, a Commission of Ensigncy issued to John Smith in stead of Edward Miles Smith; we beg you will correct the Error and believe us to be with Sentimts of Respect &ca p. 109

Tuesday 30th May 1780. May 30 Liber C B No. 23 p. 159

Present as on yesterday. except James Brice Esqr

Permission is hereby given to Capt. Daniel Prudden to Transport from this State to the Islands of Bermuda nine hundred Bushels of Indian Corn in the Sloop Francis for the Relief of the Inhabitants of the said Islands.

[Council to Thos Sollers Esqr Navl Offr at Balto.] Liber C C No. 22 p. 109

Sir We enclose you a Permit for the Sloop Francis Capt Prudden, to take on Board nine hundred Bushels of Indian Corn, to be transported to the Island of Bermuda, which we request you to retain and that it shall not have Effect until the Captn and every Person on

Liber C C No. 22 Board the said sloop Francis shall take the Oath prescribed by the Gen[l] Assembly for that Purpose, a Certificate of which you will transmit

May 31 Liber C B No. 23 p. 159

Wednesday 31st May 1780

Present as on yesterday.

In Virtue of An Act of the General Assembly "entitled an Act to empower the Governor and the Council to sell the Public property therein mentioned" Commodore Thomas Grason is hereby discharged from the Service of this State.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Com[o] Thomas Grason one hundred and forty eight Pounds, three shillings and six Pence for the use of the men lately in the service of this State as ꝑ pay roll examined and Passed by the Dep[y] Aud.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Daniel Boyle of the 2[d] Regim[t] 1 Coat, 1 Vest 1 p[r] Breeches and 1 p[r] Stockings due to him for 1780 to be charged to the States.

The Rev[d] M[r] David Love is Recommended by this Board to his Excellency Gen[l] Washington or the Commanding Officer at Elizabeth Town for his License to go into the City of New York for the Purpose of Obtaining a Passage to Great Britain. The said M[r] Love is not to return to this State during the Continuance of the Present War between America and Great Britain, without the Leave of the Governor and Council for the Time being first had and obtained.

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[Council to Colo Elijah Robosson]

Sir. We request you to have all the Indian Corn which you have engaged for public use, transported to this Place, as soon as you can do it with Convenience

[Council to Mr. David Poe.]

Sir. If, contrary to our Expectation, you have more Pork or Beef on Hand than you will have immediate Occasion for, we request of you to send ten or twelve Barrels of either by the Return of M[r] Chalmer's Boat

Liber C B No. 23 June 1 p. 159

Thursday 1st June 1780.

Present as on yesterday. Daniel Carroll Esq[r] Attended.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut Woolford of the 2[d] Reg[t] 6 Suits of Cloaths and 6 Blankets for 6 Recruits enlisted by him, the Bounties allowed by the General Assembly.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Daniel Boyle late a Soldier in the 2[d] Regim[t] Twenty Pounds, the Gratuity allowed by the Gen[l] Assembly for the year 1779

Friday 2d June 1780. Liber C B No. 23 June 2

Present as yesterday.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Philip Howard of the 5th Reg. and to Robert Price of the 7th Regimt each 1 pr Overalls, 1 shirt and 1 pr shoes and also to William Fennell of the 2d Regimt 1 pr Overalls and 1 Shirt to be chd to the Regts

That the said Commissary deliver to John Rivers of the 1st Regimt 1 Shirt, 1 pr Overalls & pr shoes. to Henry Clarridge of 2d Regimt 1 p Shoesr. to John Hanson a Recruit for the 6th Regimt one Suit of Cloaths the Bounty alld by the Genl Assembly. to Lieut Geo. Jacob of 6th Regimt 3 yds Dowlas for lining & 2 pr Stockings & to Capt. Horatio Clagett 1 ps of Brittas in part of the Articles alld by the Genl Assembly.—

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Serjeant John Spicer of the 2nd Regimt 1 shirt, 1 pr Overalls & 1 pr Shoes and also to Lieut William Woolford of the 2d Regt Cloth for a Suit of Cloaths with Trimmings and Linen for 2 Shirts in part of the Articles allowed by the General Assembly. p. 160

That the western shore Treasurer pay to John Wilmot junr Five hundred and forty three Pounds due him ꝑ Acct passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Jonathan Parker one hundred and seventy nine Pounds and one hundred and Fifty Pounds due him ꝑ Accts passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Hyde four hundred and sixteen Pounds, thirteen Shillings and four Pence for 1 mo Salary as Asst Clk to Governor and Council due the 1st Inst.

That the Collector of the Tax for Dorchester County pay to Lieut Wm Woolford of the 2d Regimt Two thousand Dollars to be expended in the Recruiting Service and to be accounted for.

[Council to Conrad L. Wederstrandt Esqr] Liber C C No. 22 p. 109

Sir The Taxes have not as yet been collected to answer the Continental Draughts on this State; yet we fully expect to be enabled to supply you with a sufficient Sum of Money by the 15th Inst to pay for all Provision which you may purchase for the use of the Continental Army

[Council to ———]

Sir Mr Wederstrandt delivered yours of the 27th Ulto and we are sorry to be under the Necessity of informing you that from the State of our Treasury, he cannot at present, receive any Assistance from it, in Carrying into Execution the important Business entrusted to him. We have done every Thing in our Power, and beg Leave to refer you to him. Our Assembly is to meet on next Wednesday; we shall p. 110

Liber C C No. 22 lay before them your Letter, which will, doubtless, evince the Necessity of immediately adopting effectual Measures for obtaining the Supplies, necessary at this critical Period. The Law prohibiting the Commissaries &ca from acting, without taking an Oath, having expired, the Gentlemen in whose Favor you have drawn, will have no Difficulty on that Account

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Saturday 3d June 1780

Present as on yesterday. James Brice Esquire Attended.

Pardon granted to Philip Verbill convicted in Baltimore County Court for Stealing a Hand saw.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Thomas Johnson jr Clk to the Governor and Council four hundred and sixteen Pounds, thirteen shillings and four Pence due him for 1 Months Salary to the 1st Inst.

That the said Treasurer pay to Robert Reith Messenger one hundred and twenty five Pounds due him for 1 Month Salary to the 1st Inst.

June 5

Monday 5th June 1780

Present as on Saturday. Permission was given to Miss Eliza & Jane Christie to go to N. York

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt William Middleton Four hundred Pounds fifteen shillings due him ꝑ Acct passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. George P. Keeports Two hundred and Eighty Pounds fifteen shillings on Acct of Colo Nathl Ramsey of the 3d Regimt and the further Sum of one hundred and twelve Pounds, ten shillings on Account of John Ross Surgeon of the 4th Regimt due ꝑ Accts passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to the said George Keeports seven hundred and forty three Pounds, fifteen shillings for Rum, Sugar, & Tea Purchased of Philip & Jacob Graybill by Mr Randall ꝑ his order.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Edward Edgerly ninety Pounds for the use of Henry Clements and also Five hundred and fifty five Pounds for the use of Capt. John Smith ꝑ Accts passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Wm Middleton Three hundred & seventeen Pounds, five shillings to be accounted for.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Paul Rone, Adam Roof & Wm Morris recruits for 2d Regt each a Suit of Cloaths the Bounty & 1 Blanket each.

[Council to Richard Dallam Esqr]

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Sir We have received yours of the 3d Inst and shall expect an Account of the Sales you made, as soon as it is convenient. No Time should be lost in securing the Flour you mention, and as much more as you can possibly procure; the Terms must be left to your Discretion. We have no Doubt but the Spirit of Avarice, or some thing worse, if possible, will raise the Price on the Public, as soon as it is known, that Article is wanted for Purposes necessary to our Preservation. The General Assembly is to meet the Day after To-morrow and we do not hesitate in giving every Assurance in our Power that Payments may be expected within the Time you mention, for every Thing which may be obtained for the Public. Inform us whether you have a Prospect of doing any Thing material

[Council to Mr. Abraham Faw]

Sir We have just received yours of the 31st Ultº and as we have Reason to believe Beef will be wanted for the Army as soon as it is in proper Condition, we should be glad to treat with you for any you can have ready between this and the Middle of July, sooner if possible. Inform us when and where the Beef may be received and the Price, as soon as you can ascertain it. We request your Answer as soon as possible.

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Liber C B No. 23 June 6 p. 161

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut. Edward Edgerly 32 Shirts 32 pr Shoes and 32 pr Overalls for the Sick and Invalid Soldiers at the City of Annapolis belonging to the Maryland Division.

[Council to the Comrs of Supplies for the several Counties]

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Gentlemen The Intelligence we yesterday received from the Committee of Cooperation appointed by Congress, now with the Army accompanied by a Letter from His Excellency the General, point out so strongly the Necessity of supplying the Army immediately with Provision, of which they have a very scanty and precarious Supply, and likewise the fatal Consequences which may attend our not having ample Stores for the intended Co-operation with the Assistance daily expected from our Ally, that we must call on you in the most earnest Manner to inform us without Delay of the Provision you have procured under the Act for an immediate Supply &ca By this Time, we have Reason to believe, this can be done with precision; p. 111 it will be necessary the General Assembly should be informed of what you have been able to procure and what you have forwarded. The critical State of our Affairs will admit of no Delay, and we re-

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quest you to forward the Corn, Rye and Flour, with all possible Expedition to at You will procure necessary Vessels and Carriages for the Transportation to that Place. We have already directed you to restore or replace the Flour and Wheat seized in the Hands of the French Agents; inform us particularly of what has been so seized and returned. If you have any Bran, Shorts or Ship Stuff, belonging to the Public, that cannot be conveniently delivered, it will be proper to sell it.

[Council to General Washington]

Sir We have the Honor to enclose your Excellency a late Resolve of the General Assembly of Maryland. The apparent Iustice of the Claims of the Maryland Officers in the late Rawlings's and German Battalion, set forth in their Petition, induced the Assembly to enter into this Resolve. The Incorporation would obviate Inconveniencies to this State, in supplying its Officers and Men with Cloaths and other Necessaries, dispersed as they now are, yet the Expediency and Propriety of carrying the Measure into Execution is wholly referred to your Excellency's Consideration and Decision

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Wednesday 7th June 1780

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to John H. Stone Esqr Two thousand one hundred Pounds in part of his Salary as a Member of the Council.

That the said Treasurer pay to George Poe Eight thousand Pounds to be delivd over to David Poe on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Beatty seven hundred and nine Pounds one shilling and three Pence for the use of Capt. Richard Hoff, three hundred and seventy five Pounds for the use of Jacob Hoff and also Two hundred and two Pounds ten shillings due himself ꝑ Accounts passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Colo Uriah Forrest Two thousand, seven hundred and Eighty Pounds, thirteen shillings and Ten Pence to be delivered over to Colo Richard Dallam and to be by him Accounted for.—

In Virtue of the Act for enlarging the Powers of the Governor and Council passed at November Session 1779 Permission is hereby given to Capt. James Buchanan to lade on board the Brig Fox a Cargo of Flour to be exported for the Purpose of Procuring Cloathing and other necessaries granted by the "Act entitled An Act relating to the Officers & Soldiers of this State in the American Army and other Purposes therein mentioned."

Commission issued to John Dennis, John Selby, Nehemiah Holland, Peter Challe and James Martin appointed Judges of the Orphans Court in Worcester County.

[Council to Naval Officer at Baltimore] Liber C C No. 22 p. 111

Sir Enclosed you have the Receipt for Flour shipped from Baltimore by Col° Sam[l] Smith for the Use of the Commonwealth of Virginia. If the Receipt corresponds with the Exports, you will deliver up his Bonds lodged in your Office, as required by his Permits.

Thursday 8th June 1780 Liber C B No. 23 June 8 p. 161

Present as on yesterday.

Messrs. Sam[l] Chase and Nich[s] Maccubbin from the House of Delegates inform his Excellency that a suff[t] number of members are met to proceed to Business.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. William Middleton six hundred Pounds on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Ens. Walter Dyer of the 3[d] Regim[t] seventy Pounds ten shillings, and also seventy Pounds, ten shillings to be by him delivered over to Ens. Edward M. Smith of the same Regim[t] due them ꝑ Accounts passed by the Dep[y] Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Paca Esq[r] Eight hundred and forty Pounds ꝑ acc[t] passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

Pardon granted to John Barlow convicted at Fred. County Court for the Murder of a certain Thomas Cooper.

[Council to Board of War] Liber C C No. 22 p. 111

Gent The Governor and Council have been very much embarrassed about the Cloathing due to the Men discharged from the Maryland Troops. Some few have been supplied on the Certificates of the Regimental Paymasters, but the Board did not think themselves Sufficiently authorized to continue doing so, and the Resolve of Congress of the 16th Aug[t] 1779, received in a Letter from your Secretary of the 13th March, confirmed them in that Opinion, as, by that, it appears Money is to be paid in Lieu of the Cloathing, by the Regimental Paymasters, out of the Military Chest. That cannot be done now with the Men already discharged and the Board are anxious, Justice should be done them, therefore would be glad to receive Authority from Congress to pay for the Deficiency of Cloathing at the estimated Price out of the Money required from this State. p. 112

Friday 9th June 1780. Liber C B No. 23 June 9 p. 161

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Eastern shore Treasurer pay to Nicholas Thomas Esquire Two thousand two hundred and Fifty Pounds for 3 Months Salary as Judge of the Gen[l] Court to the 1st of January. p. 162

Liber C B No. 23 That the western shore Treasurer pay to Lieut. James Bruff one hundred and thirty six Pounds, Fifteen shillings due him ꝑ Acct passed by the Dep^{y} Aud.—

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to James Deverix of the 6th Regiment one Suit of Cloaths the Bounty allowed by the Genl Assembly.

Liber C C No. 22 p. 112 [Council to Thos Donnellan, Thos. Beall, the Commrs at Balto. Geo Town & Head of Elk]

Sir In Virtue of a late Resolution of the General Assembly, a Copy of which you have enclosed, you are hereby appointed to receive and store Provisions at and you are directed to deliver said Provisions to such Person or Persons as may be appointed by Congress to receive the same and the Order of the Governor and Council, advising us of the Quantities and from whence received. You are likewise to receive from the Commissioners of County the Flour and Indian Corn procured by them under the Law for the immediate Supply of the Army &^{ca} of which you are to retain at your Post Bushels of Indian Corn Barrels of Flour and the Surplus, if any (of both or either as the Case may be) to convey without Delay to Col^{o} Hollingsworth at the Head of Elk, advising us of the Quantities of each

[Council to President of Congress]

Sir We have the Honor of your Excellency's Letter by Post of the 29th May and 3^{d} and 6th of the Current Month with their Several Enclosures, Those of the 29th May & 3^{d} June shall be immediately laid before the General Assembly and the latter shall be attended to, and the necessary steps taken to carry into Execution the Intention of the Honorable Congress.

Saturday 10th June 1780

Liber C B No. 23 June 10 p. 162 Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Thomas Williams one hundred and Forty four Pounds to be delivered over to Clement Wilson ꝑ Acc^{t} passed by the D. Aud.

Liber C C No. 22 p. 112 [Council to Colo. Jno. Marshall, Thos Clagett, David Poe, Richard Dallam & Hy Hollingsworth]

Sir Congress have requested us to engage trusty Persons immediately to ride as Expresses from Young's Ferry to Philadelphia, to forward Intelligence in the most expeditious Manner to them. We think proper Persons ought to be engaged, who are to hold themselves in Readiness to proceed with any Dispatches that may be

delivered to them for Congress and desire you would employ a fit and trusty Person to be always prepared at Baltimore Town to Bush Town. We have requested Col° Dallam to receive the Dispatches at Bush Town and to send them on to Col° Hollingsworth at the Head of Elk, who is directed to forward them to Philadelphia. Liber C C No. 22

[Council to Governor of Virginia] p. 113

Sir Agreeably to the Resolution of Congress of the 5th Inst we have directed that trusty Persons be immediately stationed at convenient Distances on the Main Road leading from Young's Ferry on Potowmack River to Philadelphia to convey to Congress with the utmost Expedition any Intelligence your Excellency may receive of the Arrival of the French Fleet on the American Coast. The Express at Young's Ferry, will hold himself constantly in Readiness to receive your Excellency's Dispatches

Monday 12th June 1780 Liber C B No. 23 June 12 p. 162

Present as on Saturday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esquire Seven hundred and fifty Pounds in part of his Salary due 8th of May.

[Council to Colo. Henry Hollingsworth] Liber C C No. 22 p. 113

Sir We have this Day purchased of Captains Matthew Wells and Jacob Cunes of the steady Friends, between twelve and thirteen Thousand Pounds of Bacon and 5 Barrels of Pork, which they have engaged to be good and to deliver it to you. You will examine it and only take such Quantities as will answer to this Engagement. They may want to purchase Goods at the Head of Elk, if so, you will be pleased to be answerable for them to the Amount of the Meat you take, and the Money shall be paid you on Demand. You will give a Receipt for the Quantities of each and certify the Amount of the Goods for which you engage

[Council to Thomas Donellan]

Sir We have Occasion for a Quantity of Bacon, and request you to purchase immediately on Credit any Quantity, not exceeding 30,000# on the best Terms you can. The General Assembly will, we doubt not, make Provision for the immediate Payment thereof, and every Thing in our Power will be done to forward the Payments for these Contracts.

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[Council to Committee of Coöperation]

Gent. We have been honored with your Letters of the 25th ult° with their Enclosures, which were laid before the General Assembly of this State, the 8th Inst the Day of Meeting. Yours of the 2d of the current Month reached us this Moment, we shall immediately communicate it to the Legislature and take the earliest Opportunity of informing you of the Fate of the Requisitions therein contained

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[Council to Gen'l Washington]

Sir We have this Moment had the Honor of receiving your Excellency's Letter of the 2d Instant, also a Letter of the same Date from the Honorable Committee of Cooperation, both of which we communicated to the General Assembly of this State now sitting.

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Tuesday 13th June 1780.

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Allen Quynn, one hundred and Twenty four Pounds, two shillings and six Pence due him ꝑ Acct passed by D. Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to James Boyle five thousand four hundred and twenty five Pounds due him ꝑ Acct passed by the Aud. Genl

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[Council to Henry Dickinson Esqr, Treasurer of the E. Shore]

Sir It is necessary the Money in the Eastern Shore Treasury should be immediately lodged in the Treasury of the Western Shore. We therefore request you to send by Mr McHard, all the Public money in your Hands

[Council to John Page Esqr.]

Sir—We are informed that you have a Quantity of Pork, which you purchased for the Army. We are much in Want of that Article and if you still have it on Hand and will order it immediately to the Head of Elk and delivered to Col° Hollingsworth, we will pay you the Purchase Money and for your Trouble

[Council to Commissioners of Frederick County]

Gentlemen. It is of so great Importance, at this Time, that all the Provisions procured under the "Act for an immediate supply of the Army &ca should be forwarded in the most expeditious and secure Manner and tho' Baltimore is at a greater Distance from most Parts of your County than George Town, we are of Opinion it would sooner reach the Head of Elk, if sent to Baltimore, and be more safely conveyed from thence, and we request this may be done

[Council to Capt John Swan]

Liber C C No. 22

Sir We have received yours of the 11th and are of Opinion with you, it would be more eligible to wait the Result of Colo Ramsay's Application for a Flag, rather than engage Mr Smith's Brig at a certain and heavy Demurrage.

Wednesday 14th June 1780

Liber C B No. 23 June 14 p. 162

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to John Chalmers seventy five Pounds ꝑ Acct passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Robert Berry Three hundred & twelve Pounds, fifteen shillings to be by him Accounted for.

Thursday 15th June 1780.

Liber C B No. 23 June 15 p. 162

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Capt. Joseph Middleton 1 Barrel Beef or Pork for the Crew of the Continental Ship Chase.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. Robert Berry Sail Cloth suffi for a Foresail and Tar Pauling for the Boat Plater.

That Mr John Shaw deliver to the said Capt Berry Rope suffi for Boltroping the Foresail of the Plater.

Commission issued to Francis Porter appointed Ens. of Capt. Dawsons Compy in the 38th Battalion of Militia in Talbot County.

[Council to Thos Richardson Esqr]

Liber C C No. 22 p. 115

Sir In Answer to your Letter of the 10th Insi we can only say that we had given Orders and taken every effectual Step in our Power to have the Provision and Forage which was collected in the several Counties conveyed to the Head of Elk, except such Quantities as were ordered by the Commander in Chief to remain at George and Baltimore Towns; we are truly sensible o fthe Necessities of our Army and shall do every Thing within our Reach to relieve them.

[Council to the Commrs of the several Counties]

Gentlemen The General Assembly have passed an Act this Session, by which the Power and Authority delegated to the Commissioners of the several Counties respectively by the Act for the immediate Supply &ca to hire or impress Vessels & Carriages for the Purpose of transporting Flour and other Provisions by them obtained is revived and continued until the End of the next Session of

Liber C C No. 22 Assembly. It is provided, in Case of Loss to the Owner of any Carriage or Vessel, the same shall be ascertained and paid for conformable to the Directions of the late Act. If any Commissioner has departed this Life, the surviving Commissioners are empowered to take into their Possession and Care, all the Flour and other Provisions procured by him. The Flour and other Provisions in your Possession are to be conveyed, with all possible Expedition to the Head of Elk

N. B. To the Comm^{rs} of Harford—excepting such Part of the Flour as is most convenient to Baltimore Town, which we request you to deliver to Mr Donnellan at that Place

Liber C B No. 23 June 16 p. 162 p. 163

Friday 16th June 1780.

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John Muir Esqr three hundred & thirty eight Pounds, fifteen shillings on Account.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to William Johnson a Recruit for the 2^{d} Regim^{t} a Suit of Cloaths the Bounty and one Blanket.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Joseph Williams six thousand Pounds due him p Account passed by the Aud. Genl

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[Council to Richard Dallam Esqr]

Sir We have received yours of the 7th & 14th Ins^{t} A Law is passed for obtaining a Loan, which will be shortly published and every Person willing to serve his Country that way, will know the Terms, and your Friends have an Opportunity of lending the Money due them from the State. We cannot say any Thing particularly about the Provision you mention; the Subject is before the General Assembly. By this Time, it is probable you can ascertain the Quantity of Provision you have procured by Purchase, and by the Comm^{rs}, by Certificates, and what has been forwarded. We wish this to be done, likewise to know what you have purchased, agreeable to our late Request, and what you may reasonably expect to obtain.

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[Council to Thomas Donellan]

Sir We have Occasion to deliver to Mr Wm Smith, Flour to a considerable Amount, We expect the Commissioners of Frederick and Baltimore will immediately deliver you a Quantity; and the Harford Comm^{rs} are likewise directed to send to you the Flour in their Hands most convenient to Baltimore Town, the whole of which we request you will deliver to Mr Smith, if it should not exceed 3000 Barrels; if it should, you are to retain the Excess, and advise us of the exact Quantity

[Council to Honble Mr Holker] Liber C C No. 22

Sir Your Letter of the 10th June we have received and shall endeavour to have the Quantity of Flour you think necessary for the Use of the Fleet, lodged with Mr Smith, as speedily as possible. If it should not be in our Power (which we hope will not be the Case) to furnish the whole, agreeable to the Resolve of the General Assembly, as soon as there may be a Demand for it; that the Fleet may not be disappointed of the Supplies expected from us, we will give Mr Smith every Assistance necessary to accelerate his Purchase; we shall not have Occasion for any Bills. Your being at a Loss how we could be under any Difficulty in ascertaining the precise Quantity of Flour purchased for the Use of the French Marine, we can but attribute to the mistaken Opinion entertained by you, that the whole was seized by our Commissioners; if it had been so, we should not have applied to your Agent, Mr Smith, for Information on that Subject

[Council to William Smith Esqr]

Sir We yesterday received a Letter from Mr Holker, of the 10th Inst requesting us to comply with the Resolve of the General Assembly with all possible Speed and to place 4 or 5000 Barrels of Flour in your Hands for the use of the French Fleet. It gives us Concern that, from the Irregularity of the Returns made to us by the Commissioners and the Uncertainty we are under of the Quantity forwarded, we cannot point out where and from whom the Deficiency may be received immediately. Mr Donnellan receives the Flour from the Commrs of Baltimore and Frederick Counties who have had Orders to send it down without Delay. This we have directed him to place in your Hands as fast as it comes down, but as this probably p. 117
will not be sufficient we have wrote to the Commissioners of Harford to reserve the Flour most convenient to Baltimore to be delivered to Mr Donnellan, who is directed to apply it, or Part thereof, that Way. We shall still remain under an uncertainty about Deficiency as we do not know what you have lately purchased, and request you to inform us likewise of what was exported before the Act for the Supply of the Army & if any, and of what has been returned by the Commissioners of the 15000 Barrels. This probably might be done best, by conversing with you, as we might mutually give Information on the Subject. The Importance of this Business, which we must all desire to have closed, induces us to wish you to ride down, if convenient

Saturday 17th June 1780. June 17 Liber C B No. 23 p. 163

Present as on yesterday.

Permission is hereby given Capt. Perient Trott to Transport from this State to the Islands of Bermuda three hundred Bushels of Indian

Liber C B No. 23 Corn in the Schooner Truce for the Relief of the Inhabitants of the said Islands.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Elizabeth Sharpe Fifty one Pounds, ten shillings due her ꝑ Acc^{t} passed by the D. Aud.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. Richard Davis of the late Rawlings's Regim^{t} a Suit of Cloaths the Allowance by the late Act of Ass^{y}

That the Collector of the Tax for Talbot County pay to Thomas Skinner appointed by this Board a Recruiting Officer for said County, three thousand Doll^{rs} to be by him expended in the Recruiting Service and Accounted for.

Liber C C No. 22 p. 117

[Council To the Commrs for seizing Grain]

Gent^{n} Enclosed you have a Copy of an Act for reviving and continuing certain Powers delegated to the Commissioners under the late Act to procure an immediate Supply of Flour &^{ca}

The Flour & other Provisions in your Possession are to be conveyed with all Expedition to ——— and delivered to—

[Council to Col Robt. T. Hooe at Alexandria]

Sir Congress have requested us to engage trusty Persons immediately, to ride Expresses from Alexandria to Philadelphia, to forward to them, the Intelligence which may be brought to that Place from Governor Jefferson. Convinced of your Zeal and Alacrity in forwarding Measures of public Utility, we do not hesitate in soliciting your Aid on this Occasion; therefore beg you would employ a fit and trusty Person to be in constant Readiness to receive and bring forward to this Board with the utmost Expedition, any dispatches which may be lodged with you by Order of the Governor of Virginia. Every Expence attending this Business, we will thankfully pay and are

[Council to Governor Jefferson]

Sir Before we were honored with your Excellency's Letter of the 14th Ins^{t} we had, in Pursuance of the Resolution of Congress 5th established a Line of expresses extending from Young's Ferry on
p. 118 Patowmack to Philadelphia, and wrote immediately by Post, advising you of it, and that the Rider at Young's Ferry would be in constant Readiness to receive your Excellency's Commands. To keep up the Line of Communication already established by you, we have requested Col^{o} Hooe to procure a trusty Person and Station him at Alexandria to receive your Dispatches and shall countermand the Orders, by which we had established a different Line. We shall take the first Opportunity of forwarding the Letter to the President of Congress.

[Council to Adam Muir Esqr. Nav'l Offr 6th Dist]

Liber C C No. 22

Sir The Enclosure is a Permit for Capt Perient Trott, to transport to the Islands of Bermuda, in the Schooner Truce, three hundred Bushels of Indian Corn, for the Relief of the Inhabitants of the said Islands; which we request you will retain and that it shall not have Effect until every Person on Board said Vessel, as well as the Captain, take the Oath prescribed by the Act of Assembly in such Case, a Certificate of which you are to transmit to Yr Humble Servts.

Monday 19th June 1780

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Present as on Saturday.

Commissions of Letters of Marque and Reprisal issued to William Thomas Commander of the Schooner Freemason, 70 Tons burthen navigated by 14 men mounting 6 swivel Guns belonging to Archibald Patison &Co of Maryland. to Clement Warring Commander of the Brig Duke of Lienster 70 Tons burthen, navigated by 14 men, mounting 4 Carriage Guns, belonging to Charles Crookshanks and Compy Maryland, and also to Joseph Farribault Commander of the Brig Porgie 90 Tons burthen navigated by 20 Men mounting 4 Carriage Guns belonging to Saml Smith &Co of Baltimore.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Gustavus Horner of this State Surgeons Mate in the Hospital Department one hundred and Fifty Pounds the Gratuity allowed by the Resolution of the General Assembly of Decemr 11. 1778 and also Two thousand Dollars in lieu of Articles allowed by the Act relating to the Officers and Soldiers of this in the American Army &ca passed July 1779 and agreeably to a Resolution of the Genl Assembly of June 17th 1780.

That the said Treasurer pay to Daniel Jenifer Esqr to be Delivered over to Daniel Jenifer of this State Surgeon in the Hospital Department, one hundred and Fifty Pounds the Gratuity and also two thousand Dollars allowed him according to the above mentioned Resolutions and Act of the General Assembly.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Edward Prall of the 1st Regimt Two thousand Two hundred and fifty Dollars to be expended in the Recruiting Service & accounted for

That the issuing Commissary deliver to John Davidson 8 hhds and 3 Tierces or 10 hhds if there are no Tierces.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Gustavus Horner of this State in the Hospital Department 3¼ yds Cloth, 3 yds Linen for lining, 3 yds Shalloon with Trimmings & Linen for 2 Shirts agreeably to a Resolve of 17 June 1780. and to Capt. Edwd Prall of 1st Regt 1 ps Brittanies in pt of the Article &ca

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[Council to Colo John Marshall, Young's Ferry & Thomas Clagett, Piscataway]

Sir We have, since writing to you, received Information from the Governor of Virginia, that he had established a Line of Expresses, by the Way of Alexandria, to Philadelphia, which renders it unnecessary to have one in Readiness at Young's Ferry: we therefore request you to discharge the Rider you may have fixed at that Post

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Tuesday 20th June 1780

Present as on yesterday.—

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Thomas Johnson jr Forty five Pounds for so much Money advanced by him to Archelaus Yancy for the Purpose of defraying his Expences to Virginia on an Express

That the said Treasurer pay to Jesse Hollingsworth Six thousand, six hundred and forty six Pounds for 204½l Bohea Tea bought of him by Mr John Randall State Agent & for which he gave an Order dated 17th May 1780—

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Johnson Junr Thirty Pounds ꝑ Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Jesse Littell Seventy five Pounds due him ꝑ acct passed by the Depy Aud.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. Edward Prall of the 1st Regimt Cloth for a Jacket and Breeches with Trimmings. to Lieut Edward Edgerly of the 2d Regimt Cloth for a Jacket and Breeches with Trimmings in part of the Articles allowed them by the General Assembly.

That the said Commissary deliver to William Moore a soldier in the 2d Regimt 1 shirt, to be charged to the said Regiment

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[Council to Mr. Thomas Donellan]

Sir, We have purchased 200 Barrels of Shads and Herrings of Mr Jona Hudson; you will receive them and send 70 Barrels of each, by the Dolphin, Capt Middleton to Colo Hollingsworth at the Head of Elk, 30 to this City, and retain the Residue for the Use of the Continental Troops that pass through your Town

Liber C B
No. 23
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Wednesday 21st June 1780

Present as on yesterday

Commissions issued to Vachel Downes appd Major. James Hudson Graves 1 Lieut of Capt. Jacob Walters Comp and James Nevil Ens of Capt John Seneys Compy belonging to the 5th Battalion of Militia in Queen Anns County

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Col° Normand Bruce one hundred and forty six Pounds, five shillings and Eighty one Pounds due him p̄ Accounts passed by the Dep^y Aud. Liber C B No. 23

[Council to Mr. Thos Donellan] Liber C C No. 22 p. 118

Sir We wrote you yesterday to receive 200 Barrels of Fish, which we had purchased of Mr Hudson, we request you will have them carefully examined before you receive and send them away

Thursday 22^d June 1780 Liber C B No. 23 June 23 p. 164

Present as on yesterday

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to John Wilmot Two hundred Pounds for the Purpose of defraying his Expences on an Express to His Excellency Genl Washington on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Smoot Esqr Twenty two Pounds ten Shillings for the use of Thos Hinks per Acc^t passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to John Duckett Two hundred and seventy four Pounds, three shillings Bal^a of Account passed by the Dep^y Aud.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Marshall Galloway of the 3^d Regim^t 1 shirt & 1 p^r Linen Overalls to be charged to said Regim^t

Comm^s issued to Zach^a Forrest app^d Capt. in the room of John Smith. Zeph^a Forrest 1 Lt John Smith jun^r 2 Lieut. Francis Brookes Ens. Barton Abell Capt in the room of Ignat^s Abell. Bennett Combs Capt in the room of John Greenwell, Ja^s Williams 1 Lt Robt Ford 2^d L^t Jn° Heard Ens. of the Lower Batt. of Mil^a in St Mary's County.

[Council to Colo Richd Dallam] Liber C C No. 22 p. 119

Sir The Flour you lately procured at our Request, we desire you will immediately deliver over to Mr William Smith of Baltimore Town, for the Use of the Marine of France, and inform us of the Quantity

[Council to The Commrs of Harford County]

Gent^n We desire to be immediately informed of the exact Quantity of Flour you intend to send to Mr Donnellan, in Consequence of our Letter of the 15th current, and the Time when Mr Donnellan may expect it.

Friday 23^d June 1780 June 23 Liber C B No. 23 p. 165

Present as on yesterday

Commission of Letters of Marque and Reprisal issued to James Forbes Comm^r of the Brig Nisbett 125 Tons burthen, navigated

Liber C B No. 23 with 30 Men mounting 14 Carriage Guns and 20 small Arms, belonging to Robert Morris and John Nisbett of Philadelphia and Stephen Steward of Maryland.

William Fitzhugh Esquire appointed Recruiting Officer for Calvert County.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to John H. Stone Esqr five hundred Pounds in part of his Salary.—

That the said Treasurer pay to William Maw one thousand one hundred & Eighty five Pounds for Damages done his House.

That the said Treasurer pay to Uriah Forrest one thousand five hundred and sixty two Pounds, ten shillings for 172 Months Salary as Aud. Genl to the 15th Inst.

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Johnson Junr one thousand and forty one Pounds, thirteen shillings and four Pence for the use of John Rogers Esqr Chancellor due him for 1 Month Salary to the 1st of April last.

That the said Treasurer pay to Mat Wells Thirty four thousand five hundred and Eighty nine Pounds, five shillings for Bacon & Pork purchased of Wells and Cunes by the Governor and Council and delivered to Col^{o} Henry Hollingsworth at the H^{d} of Elk ꝑ his Receipt

That the said Treasurer pay to John Taylor Esqr one hundred and two Pounds for the use of Aquila Parker due him ꝑ Acc^{t} passed by the Dep^{y} Aud.

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[Council to Presidt of Congress]

Sir We have the Honor to acknowlege the Receipt of your Excellency's Letter of the 15th Instant; it was immediately communicated to the General Assembly of this State, now Sitting, who have the important Subject of it now under Consideration.

[Council to Colo Henry Hollingsworth]

Sir In Order to judge of the Quantity of Provision forwarded, under the Law for an immediate Supply of Flour &^{ca} it will be necessary to know what you have received and from whom; not only from the Commissioners, but from the Continental Purchasers. We have some of your Returns, but they are not compleat. Let us hear from you immediately on this Subject

[Council to Mr. Joshua Stevenson]

Sir We have received your Return by Mr Wm Smith, by which it does not appear what Quantities of the Provision procured you have on Hand. We request you to give us immediate Information of what you now have and where, and to whom you have forwarded any.

[Council to His Excy Joseph Reed Pennsylvania]

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Sir We received your Favor of the 16th and have laid it, with the Resolution of your Excellency and Council, before the General Assembly. As soon as the Result of their Deliberations thereon is made known to us, we shall communicate it to your Excellency. We are sensible that your Design in laying the Embargo, may be frustrated, unless a similar Resolution is adopted by this State, and therefore we should not have hesitated, in the Recess of the Assembly, to have imposed such a Restriction as would have prevented the Evil suggested in your Letter. Nothing has a stronger Tendency to preserve that Harmony so desirable between our States, as mutual Endeavours to facilitate the Execution of Measures concerted by either for the general Good and being under that Impression, we shall, on every Occasion chearfully cooperate with your Board in furthering them.

See I Pa. Arch. viii, p. 354 Reed's letter is printed in the same volume at p. 330

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Present as on yesterday

Ordered That the Collector of the Tax for Frederick County pay to Capt. Michl Boyer of the German Regimt one thousand five hundred and thirty seven Pounds, five shillings due him for his Recruiting Account and also the further sum of three thousand three hundred and fifty Dollars for the Recruiting Service to be by him Accounted for

Commission of Letters of Marque and Reprisal issued to James Frazier Commander of the Schooner Dorchester 45 Tons burthen navigated by 10 men mounting 4 Carriage Guns & 2 Swivels belonging to Robertson Stevens & others of Dorchester County State of Maryland & also to Alexander Murray Commander of the Brig Revenge 120 Tons burthen navigated by 32 Men, mounting 12 Carriage Guns belonging to John Muir & others State of Maryland.

Commissions issued to William Moore appd Capt in the room of Josias Shaw, Richard Cramphin 1 Lieut, Saml Sheckles 2 Lt Adam Craige Ens—Benjamin Harwood Capt. in the room of Joseph Jones, Richard Lyles 1st Lieut, Josias Belt 2d Lieut, John Wells Ens. Richard Duckett 2 Lieut & Philip Turner Ens. of Capt. James Mullikins Compy in the Upper Battalion, also to Samuel Hepburn appd Capt. in the room of Jno Smith Brookes John Clarke Sprigg 1 Lieut. Richard Burgess jr 2d Lieut Edward Willet Ens. also to Zacha Berry Capt in the room of Clement Wheeler Mordecai Burgess 1 Lieut. Richard Hill 2d Lieut & Thomas Marshall Ens. belonging to the Middle Batt. Prince Georges County.

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[Council to Mr. Abraham Faw]

Sir The General Assembly have now under their Consideration the Subject of Supplies of Provisions for Army, and we expect their Determination in a Few Days; we shall then have it in our Power to answer particularly your Letters of the 31st of May and 18th Instant; in the mean Time we request you not to part with the Beef you have, as we expect to be enabled to take it. We are sorry we cannot, at this Time, transmit you an Order for the Sum you want

[Council to Colo. Lodwick Weltner, German Regiment.]

Sir It gives us much Concern that we have it not in our Power to furnish Capt Boyer with the Cloathing Stores &ca agreeable to his Application and which the Officers and Soldiers of your Regiment are entitled to. The exhausted State of our Treasury at this Time, renders it impracticable, but you may rely on it, Sir, that the German Regiment has not been forgot by us and that we shall, as soon as we are enabled, send forward the Necessaries to make them comfortable

[Council to Mr. Thomas Donellan]

Sir The Bearer Upsher King will deliver you 6 Barrells of Pork and a small Quantity of Bacon; if good, we desire you to receive it and forward it to Mr Henry Hollingsworth, and inform us of the Quantity

[Council to Colo Joshua Beall]

Sir We have received your several Letters of the 22d Ulto & 21st and 22d of the current Month. The Powder we request you will dispose of, in the Manner most advantageous to the State. We believe it needless to suggest the Impropriety of allowing the Disaffected to purchase largely. The Militia Commissions are sent herewith by Colo Lucas, agreeably to your Request. Under the 16th Section of the Act for punishing certain Crimes and Misdemeanors, and to prevent the Growth of Toryism, we apprehend all Persons travelling through this State without a Pass or safe Conduct such as
p. 121 is prescribed by the Act aforesaid, are liable to be apprehended and carried before a Iudge or Iustice for Examination and may be committed to the public Goal, if an Offender against the Laws, or dangerous Person to this State, or the United States. The Case of Wailes, we think deserves Consideration, and the Substance of your Letter on the Subject shall be imparted to the Assembly in the Mean Time, we recommend a strict Attention to the future Conduct of a Man who has given too much Reason to render him suspected.

Monday 26th June 1780

Liber C B No. 23 June 26 p. 166

Present as on Saturday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Francis Rawlings jr Forty Pounds due him ꝑ Account passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Isaac McHard Three hundred and Thirty pounds due him ꝑ acct passed by the Depy Aud.

[Council to President of Congress]

Liber C C No. 22 p. 121

Sir The General Assembly have passed an Act for sinking the Quota required by Congress of this State of the Bills of Credit emitted by Congress, agreeable to their Requisition, and we are authorized to apply to your Excellency for new Bills sufficient to exchange for the Continental Bills that may be brought in; We do therefore request such a Number as Congress may deem necessary for that Purpose. If Part could be immediately furnished, or in two or three Days, we wish the Bearer may be detained for the Purpose of bringing them down.

[Council to Committee for Coöperation]

Gentlemen We have the Honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your Favor of the 19th Inst with a Copy of His Excellency General Washington's Letter relative to the important Subject of completing the Quota of Men, and furnishing the Provisions before required. We see and feel the Necessity of exerting ourselves to the utmost upon this very trying and critical Occasion and if our Power was equal to our Inclination, the Commander in Chief would soon be extricated from his present very disagreeable and embarrassing Situation, and be enabled to form the Plan of Operations to be pursued in Concert with the French Commander. We have imparted the Contents of the Letters to the Assembly, and can assure you that they are truly sensible of the critical and distressed Situation of the Army, and the Difficulties and Embarrassments that surround the General and need no Argument to prompt them to the fullest Exertion of their Abilities

Tuesday 27th June 1780

Liber C B No. 23 June 27 p. 166

Present as on Yesterday.

Ordered that Mr John Shaw deliver to Capts William Middleton & Robert Berry of the State Boats Dolphin & Plater each 15℔ Cannon Powder

That Mr John Shaw deliver to the said Capt Wm Middleton 13 Stands small Arms, 40 rounds of Cartridges to each Stand. 6 Cutlasses 1 quire Cannon Cartridge Paper and 3 pr Pistols and also to

Liber C B No. 23 Capt Robert Berry for the Plater 12 Stands small Arms 40 rounds Cartridges to each stand, 12 Cutlasses, 6 Pikes, and 6 p^{r} Pistols. and also to Samuel Chase Esqr 5 fathom of Match rope to be ret^{d} or paid for.

Commission of Letters of Marque and Reprisal issued to John Steuart Commander of the Schooner Molly 60 Tons burthen, navigated with 13 Men mounting 4 Carriage Guns belonging to Smith Johnson & Co. of Baltimore and John Stewart of Annapolis and also to James Buchanan Commander of the Brig Fox 80 Tons burthen, navigated with 22 Men mounting 8 Carriage Guns belonging to John Dorsey & Co Baltimore.

In Virtue of a Resolution of the General Assembly of this date the Continental Treasurer is requested to exchange the Sum of fourteen thousand Dollars in Contin^{l} Bills of Credit for the like Sum of Continental Loan Office Certificates to be Lodged in the Treasury, the Money to be delivered to Stephen West Esqr for the Accommodation and convenience of his Excellency Governor Rutledge.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. Robert Berry Three hundred Pounds to be by him Accounted for.

Liber C C No. 22 p. 122

[Council to the Governors of Havana and Port au Prince, separately]

Sir In Pursuance of Powers delegated to us by the State of Maryland, to export Flour and import Necessaries for the Use of the State; we have laded the Brigantine Fox, Capt James Buchanan with 628 Barrels of Flour, which we have consigned and trusted to the Care and Management of Robert Dorsey Esqr a Gentleman of Character and Merit, who we particularly recommend to the Notice, Countenance, and good Offices of your Excellency. To enable Mr Dorsey to invest the Proceeds of the Cargo in the most desired Articles, we request your Excellency to give him Permission to purchase and export to our State, such European and West India Goods as he thinks will best answer the Purposes of the State. It is our most earnest Inclination to correspond with your Excellency and to keep up such an Intercourse as will be most conducive to the reciprocal Advantages and Interests of the Governments over which we have the Honor to preside. We shall receive the highest Satisfaction in your Excellency's affording us an Opportunity of adding Instances to the Professions of profound Respect with which we have the Honor to be &^{ca}

[Council to Colo. Robt. T. Hooe]

Sir We request you to forward the enclosed by Express to His Excellency the Governor of Virginia

[Council to Capts Berry and Middleton] Liber C C No. 22

You are to proceed to Portsmouth in Virginia, taking under your Care and Safely convoying the three Vessels with Stores to that Place from whence they may safely proceed to Milner's Landing, you will remain at Portsmouth and wait their Return to take on Board as many of Lee's Corps of Light Infantry as you can conveniently and safely transport to the Head of the Elk. If these Troops should not be there or in the Neighborhood, so that you cannot transport them without being detained more than ten Days after the Return of the Vessels under your Convoy, you will then proceed to Emmerson's Landing on Wye River and take on Board a Load of Flour from Mr Hemsley's Landing for this Place. The Object of the Business with which you are charged, is to convoy down these Vessels and back again with Safety.

Wednesday 28th June 1780 Liber C B No. 23 June 28 p. 166

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the western Shore Treasurer pay to William Middleton three hundred Pounds on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to Jonathan Parker one hundred and fifty Pounds on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt Robert Dashiell Two hundred & forty Dollars the freight of 8 Bles. of Pork from Somerset County to the City for the use of the State.

A langrage was a projectile used for tearing sails and rigging and thus disabling a ship

That the said Treasurer pay to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esqr Seven thousand five hundred Pounds in part of his Salary to the 8th of May last

That the Armourer deliver to Colo James Tootell 5 pr Sweeps, 15 ł Langrage & 6 pr Handcuffs to be paid for when called on at the Price which the Govr & Col may agree on.

Captain Berry and Middleton of the State Boats Plater and Dolphin were employed in the Contl Service as Convoys p. 167

Commissions issued to John Hooper appointed Capt in the room of Shadrack Lyden resd Jesse Greyless Capt in the room of James Douglass, Bentol Stevens 1 Lieut, James Stafford 2d Lt and James Ewing Ens. belonging to the 14th Battalion of Militia in Caroline County.

Thursday 29th June 1780 June 29

Present as on yesterday.

Commission issued to Gabriel Peterson Vanhorn appointed Colo of the Deer Creek Battalion of Militia in Harford County in the room of Ignatius Wheeler,—and also to James Rippath appointed

Liber C B No. 23 2nd Lieut of Capt John Seney's Compy in the 5th Battalion. James Sliney Ens of Capt Jacob Ringgold's Compy. John Rowles Capt. James Sudler 1st Lieut, James E. Carter 2nd Lieut, & Charles Erreckson Ensign belonging to the 20th Batt of Milª Queen A County

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to James Brice five hundred Pounds on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Danl Carroll Esqr five hundred Pounds on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to John Black Express from Philadelphia one hundred and fifty Pounds to be charged to the United States

Liber C C No. 22 p. 123

[Council to Capt. Geo. R. Keeports.]

Sir As we may have an immediate Call for all the Arms, Accoutrements Ammunition &ca belonging to this State, we request you to furnish us without Delay with an Account of the Number you have in your Possession and the Order they are in; if any are out of Repair or want cleaning we wish you to have them put immediately in the best Condition for the Field; to this we hope you will be particularly attentive

[Council to Commrs for Washington County]

Gentln We are surprised to hear by Col Stull that you did not think yourselves directed by the Law for an immediate Supply of Flour &ca for the Army, to have the Wheat procured by you, manufactured into Flour. We expect this will be done without Delay, and that after delivering to Col. Rawlings what we may have Occasion for, of any of the Articles, to supply the Guard over the Prisoners, the Remainder should be sent forward and delivered to Mr Thomas Donellan in Baltimore Town

[Council to The Lieutenants of the several Counties]

Sir We request you to furnish us, by the first opportunity, with an Account of all the Arms, Accoutriments and Ammunition in your Possession, or in the Care of any other Person in your County, belonging to the State, If any of them want repairing or cleaning, we wish to have it done immediately, and we will pay the Charge thereof; to this we hope you will be particularly attentive

Friday 30th June 1780

June 30 Liber C B No. 23 p. 167

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Eastern shore Treasurer pay to Robertson Stevens one thousand five hundred and twenty four Pounds, fifteen shillings due him ꝑ acct passed by Depy Aud.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to John Shaw Two thousand five hundred and fourteen Pounds, seven Shillings and six Pence due him ꝑ Acc^t passed by the Aud. Genl Liber C B No. 23

[Council to Mr. Charles Blake] Liber C C No. 22 p. 123

Sir Mr Earle having informed us that the French wheat seized by you, is in a perishable State, we request you to deliver to the French Agent, what may remain in your Hands, taking his Receipt for the Quantity. If this cannot be done, it will be proper to send it to some Mill immediately to be ground up into Flour that will pass Inspection for the use of the French.

Saturday 1st July 1780 July 1 Liber C B No. 23 p. 167

Present as on yesterday.

Commission of Letters of Marque & Reprisal issued to John Carey Commander of the Brig Hercules, 130 Tons burthen navigated by 60 Men mounting 16 Carriage Guns belonging to Young, Knox and Comp^y of Baltimore

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Richard Talbot seventy two Pounds for his Services as Adjutant to the Elk ridge Batt of Militia for one year.

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Johnson Junr three hundred Pound for 2 Ream of Paper purchased by him for the use of the Public and also the further Sum of four hundred and Sixteen Pounds, thirteen Shillings & four Pence for 1 m^o Salary as Clk to the Governor and Council due this Instant

That the said Treasurer pay to John Swan Capt of Col^o Baylors Corps, one hundred and fifty Pounds the Gratuity allowed to the Officers of this State in the Continental Army by the Resolution of the 4th of Decem^r 1778 and seven hundred and fifty Pounds the Allowance made by the Act relating to the Officers and Soldiers of this State in the American Army &^ca passed 22^d of July 1779 and agreeably to the Resolution of the 11th of April last.

Commissions issued to Brice Gassaway app^d Capt. in the room of Basil Burgess Nicholas Aldridge 1 Lieut. John Rogers Ens. Vachel Burgess 1 Lieut. Philem^o Burgess Ens. of Vachel Stevens's Comp^y belonging to the Elkridge Batt of Militia in Ann Arundel County. p. 168

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Thomas Young lately a Soldier in the 7th Maryland Regim^t now discharged Twenty Pounds in lieu of the Articles allowed by the Act relating to the Officers & Soldiers of this State in the American Army &^ca He having made Oath that He hath not received any part thereof

Liber C B No. 23 That the said Treasurer pay to Robert Harding lately a Soldier in the 1st Maryland Regimt now discharged Twenty Pounds as aforesaid.

That the Eastern shore Treasurer pay to John Brown Esqr Two thousand, six hundred and seventy five Pounds, twelve shillings and Eleven Pence to be by him delivered over to John Thompson due him ꝑ Account passed by the Aud. Genl

Leave given to Mrs Caldcleugh to return with her Child into this State

Monday 3d July 1780

July 3 Present as on Saturday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Thomas Graham four thousand four hundred Pounds for 1 hhd Rum Purchased of him by John Randall for the Use of the Maryland Troops ꝑ his order.

That the said Treasurer pay to Robert Reith Messenger to the Govr and Council one hundred and Twenty five Pounds for 1 mo Salary to the 1st Inst.

That the said Treasurer pay to James Brice Lieut of Ann Arundel County one hundred and ninety Pounds to pay Expresses sent by him under the Act for the New Enrollment of the Militia and to be by him Accounted for.

Commissions issued to Nicholas Brooks appd 2d Lieut. and Thomas Blacklock Ens. of Capt Henry Hill Jr Compy Samuel Perri Wailes Ens of Capt. Benjamin Wailes Compy George Gantt 1st Lieut. Thomas Baden 2d Lieut. & Benjamin Baden Ens. of Capt. Alexander Howard Magruders Compy belonging to the Lower Battalion of Militia in Prince Georges County.

July 4 Tuesday 4th July 1780

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Serjt Isaac Jones of the 1st Regimt, 1 shirt and 1 pair of Overalls to be charged to said Regimt

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Adam Miller ninety Pounds for Milk Supplied the Hospital

That the said Treasurer pay to Colo Moses Rawlings six hundred and Sixty Eight Pounds, fifteen Shillings due him ꝑ Acct passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. James Bruff of the 6th Regimt four thousand Dollars to be expended in the recruiting Service and Accounted for.

That the said Treasurer pay to Jonathan Parker Twelve Pounds Bal^{a} of Acc^{t} passed by the Dep^{y} Aud. Liber C B No. 23

Ordered That the Collector of the Tax for Washington County pay to Capt. John Reid of a Comp^{y} raised by this State & stationed at Fort Frederick Four thousand Dollars to be expended in the Recruiting Service and Accounted for. p. 169

Ordered That Mr Abraham Faw deliver to the said Capt John Reid 20 Suits of Cloaths or such part as he may be able to Furnish.

That Mr John Shaw deliver to John Chalmers 13 Cannon Cartridges

[Council to Mr. Thomas Donellan] Liber C C No. 22

Sir Mr Poe informs us that about 100 Barrels of Shad & 60 Barrels of Herrings may be had; we request you to apply to him to know the Persons who have them for sale, and purchase them on the same Terms which we gave Mr Hudson, both as to Price and Condition of Payment; you will have them carefully inspected before you receive them and, if merchantable, you will have them transported to Col^{o} Hollingsworth at the Head of Elk. You will deliver to Mr Poe such Quantity of Corn and other short Forage as will enable him to return such Quantity as he has borrowed for public use and also supply him occasionally with what may be necessary for that Post p. 123 p. 124

[Council to Mr. David Poe.]

Sir In Answer to yours of the 3^{d} Ins^{t} we have to inform you that we have requested Mr Donnellan to purchase the Fish and to supply you with short Forage sufficient to enable you to return what you borrowed and to furnish you occasionally with the Quantity that may be necessary for your Post

[Council to Colo. Richard Dallam]

Sir Yours of the 1st Ins^{t} we received and can only Say at present that you will not return the Flour received from McCan to Mr Smith, until we take further Order therein. We should readily transmit you the Money necessary to make you easy but it really is not in our Powers to command a Shilling.

Wednesday 5th July 1780 July 5

Present as on yesterday. Liber C B No. 23 p. 169

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Margaret Chatlain seventy five Pounds due [her] ꝑ acc^{t} passed by the Dep^{y} Aud.

Liber C B No. 23 That the said Treasurer pay to Charlotte Small one hundred and lain seventy five Pounds due [her] ꝑ acc^{t} passed by the Dep^{y} Aud.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Ignatius Adams of the 1st Regim^{t} 1 shirt, 1 p^{r} Overalls and 1 p^{r} shoes and also to Peter Hennesey, John Collins and James Murphy Recruits for the 2^{d} Regim^{t} a Suit of Cloaths the Bounty all^{d} by the Genl Ass^{y}

That the Collector of the Tax for Harford County pay to Richard Dallam Esqr Ten thousand Pounds in lieu of an Order of the 15th May on the Treasury ret^{d} this Day and to be Accounted for.

Liber C C No. 22 p. 124 [Council to Colo. Richard Dallam]

Sir We are much concerned it is not in our Power to relieve you from your distressed Situation; there is not a Dollar in the Treasury. We have enclosed you an Order on the Collector of Harford County for 10,000 Pounds, in Lieu of one of the Orders on the Treasurer of the 15th May, for that Sum, and hope it will answer your Purpose. It is our earnest Desire the Collector would exert himself to supply you

[Council to the Commissaries for Purchases in the several Counties]

Sir The great Confidence we repose in your Integrity, Zeal and Activity in executing any Measure adopted by the Legislature to promote the common Interest, have induced us to appoint you Commissary for Purchases for —— County to receive at any Time antecedent to the last Day of September next from any Person inhabiting within your County, such Articles enumerated in the Supplement to the Act for the Assessment of Property within this State, passed last March Session, as such Person may elect to pay in Lieu of the p. 125 28 Pounds of Tobacco imposed by that Act on every hundred Pounds worth of Property.

For your Direction in the Management of this Business entrusted to you, we have sent you a Copy of those Clauses of the Act, which relate to your Department. It is absolutely necessary that an extra supply of Provisions of the Bread Kind should be procured for the Continental Army with the utmost Expedition and for that Purpose, we direct you to buy up, in your County, all the Wheat, Wheat Flour, Bread in Barrels, Bacon, Salted Pork, and Beef in Barrels that can be obtained, and contract for the same in Paper Money, Tobacco, or Certificates, the Certificates to bear an Interest of 6 ꝑ C^{t} and to be discounted in the Payment of the public Assessment. To incline the Possessors of those Necessaries to dispose of them on reasonable Terms with greater Promptitude, it will be proper for you to inform them that, unless a sufficient Supply is purchased by a short Day, the Governor and Council are invested with Authority to order a Seizure, in the Manner heretofore made. Acquaint us by every Opportunity

of your Success in purchasing, and we will send you such Sums of Money and Tobacco as may be necessary. If you can make your Contracts for Certificates, we prefer that Mode, 'til the present Assessments are collected and brought in. You have Copies of the Acts to procure an Extra Supply &ca and to procure a Supply of Salt Meat &ca We have selected one Letter from General Washington and two from the Committee of Co-operation, from many we have lately received on the same Subjects; the enclosed Extracts from which, so strongly and pointedly evince the urgent and pressing Necessity of making the most vigorous Exertions to procure those Supplies, that we deem it unnecessary to Superadd any Arguments to the reasons and Motives contained therein, to Stimulate you to do your utmost. We have already waded through a Sea of Difficulties, but our Distresses were never so alarming as at present; the most manly Fortitude, Perseverance and Indefatigable Industry, are essentially necessary to retrieve our Affairs and free us from those Calamities which Supineness and a criminal indifference will involve us in; we therefore exhort you, in the most earnest Manner, by that Patriotism, Love of Liberty and tender Regard for Posterity, which so eminently distinguished the Conduct of the virtuous Sons of America, in the Beginning of this Contest, not to cease your most unremitting Endeavors to carry into Execution the important Purposes of those Acts 'til the Army is amply provided with every Necessary.

Liber C C No. 22

Thursday 6th July 1780

July 6 Liber C B No. 23 p. 169

Present as on Yesterday.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to James Boyle one thousand three hundred and four Pounds five shillings for 1 Bble Sugar & 15# Bohea Tea Purchased by John Randall of Joseph Clark for the use of the Officers in the Maryland Line ꝑ Mr Randalls Order

That the said Treasurer pay to John Smith Esqr Two thousand six hundred and ninety eight Pounds, Two shillings and six Pence for the use of Calhoun and Gist due them for Cloth & Linen Purchased of them by John Randall for the use of the Officers of the Maryland Line.

That the said Treasurer pay to John H. Stone Esqr Five thousand nine hundred Pounds and also the further Sum of Two thousand Pounds in part of his Salary as a Member of the Council

That the said Treasurer pay to Elie Vallette Esqr one thousand Two hundred and fifty Pounds and the further Sum of Two hundred and seventy Pounds due him ꝑ Accounts passed by the Aud. Genl

Liber C B
No. 23
July 7

Friday 7th July 1780

Present as on yesterday

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut Edwd Edgerly 5 Shirts 7 pr Shoes & 5 pr Overalls for so many men of the Maryld Division ꝑ ret. sent to Commissary

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Lieut Edwd Edgerly four hundred & fifty Dollars the Bounty to John Simmons enlisted by him.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Wilmot Two hundred Pounds on Account.

p. 170 Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Thomas Giles one thousand Pounds to be delivered over to Henry Hollingsworth on Account.

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[Council to Colo Henry Hollingsworth]

Sir We have supplied Mr Giles with a Thousand Pounds, agreeably to your Request. The Situation you are in for want of Money, gives us real Concern, as it is not in our Power to relieve you. We have sent by Mr Isaac McHard two hundred thousand Dollars, to the Continental Treasury and wish, for its greater Safety, that you would send with him, Giles or some trusty Hand to Philadelphia, by this Means you may have a Chance of procuring a Share of the Money. The Line of Expresses are, from this Place to Mr David Poe, at Baltimore, who will send the Dispatches to the Post Office at Bush or Harford Town, to be delivered to a Person there under the Direction of Colo Dallam, who is to forward them to you. We hope your Rider holds himself in constant Readiness, the Time may be near at Hand, when his Services will be required

[Council to Charles Lee Esqr. Secretary to the Board of Treasury]

Sir The Act entitled "An Act for sinking the Quota required by Congress of this State of the Bills of Credit emitted by Congress," passed the 12th of the last Month, a Copy of which you shall have, by the first convenient Opportunity

July 8
Liber C B
No. 23
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Saturday 8 July 1780

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Joseph Dowson two thousand one hundred and thirty seven Pounds, ten shillings due himself & Co for 475 ℔ Coffee Purchased by John Randall for the Maryland Officers.

That the said Treasurer pay to Isaac McHard Two hundred thousand Dollars to be by him delivered over to the Continental Treasurer

at Philadelphia in part of the one Million Two hundred and thirty four thousand, three hundred and Fifty Dollars required by Congress of this State by their Resolution of the 19th May last. Liber C B No. 23

That the said Treasurer pay to Isaac McHard one thousand Dollars on Acct That the said Treasurer pay to John King Two hundred Pounds on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Jona Parker one hundred & fifty Pounds on Acct

The following Persons are hereby appointed Commissaries for Purchases according to the Act.

Harford County	Richard Dallam
Baltimore	Abraham Risteau
Washington	Colo Moses Rawlings
Frederick	Colo Thomas Price
Montgomery	Thomas Richardson
Prince Georges	Jno Smith Brooks
Charles	Daniel Jenifer
St. Marys	Joseph Ford
Calvert	Pat Sim Smith
Ann Arundel	Colo Edward Gaither
Cecil	Barruch Williams
Kent	John Voorhees
Queen Anns	Conrod. T. Wedderstrandt
Talbot	Colo James Hindman
Caroline	Nathaniel Potter
Dorchester	John C. Harrison
Somerset	Henry Jackson
Worcester	Joseph Dashiell

[Council to Delegates in Congress] Liber C C No. 22 p. 126

Gentn We have sent by Mr Isaac McHard 200,000 Continental Dollars, to be delivered over to the Continental Treasurer in Philadelphia, being in Part of the 1.234.350 Dollars required of our State by the Resolution of Congress of the 19th of May last. We are much concerned it is not in our Power to comply fully with that Demand at this Time. When that Requisition was received, our Treasury was quite exhausted, owing chiefly to the continental Drains by Payments of considerable Sums, for the Use of Congress, the Assessments imposed, previous to the Resolution, have not yet been collected; the sum remitted was procured by Loan. We must request you to represent these Facts to Congress, and to inform them that this State, from a Sense of the vast Importance of complying with the Resolution to the Extent, have made every Exertion to procure the Money and that we shall not remit our Attention, til the whole is forwarded

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Monday 10th July 1780

Present as on Saturday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Joseph Ashmead one hundred and twenty three Pounds seven shillings & six Pence for the use of Lt Elijah Evans per Account passed by the Depy Aud.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Negro Perry Cooper belongg to this State Oznabrigs sufft for 2 Shirts & 2 pr Trousers.

That John Shaw Armourer receive of Colo Uriah Forrest the following Arms & Accoutrements viz. 451 Muskets 451 Bayonets, 441 Cartouch Boxes & 413 Bayonet Belts directed by the Board of War to be delivered by him for the use of this State.

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[Council to Committee of Coöperation]

Gentn In Consequence of the Resolutions of Congress, Letters from his Excellency Genl Washington, and the Committee of Co-operations, relative to Men, Money and the Supplies of Provisions, Horses and Waggons allotted to be furnished by this State, the General Assembly impressed with an adequate Idea of the wants of the army and the indispensable Necessity of providing in the most ample Manner for their Relief, feeling the Difficulties that surround and embarrass our worthy Commander in Chief, and impelled by that patriotic Zeal which has actuated their Conduct upon every trying Emergency, and anxiously Solicitous to free our illustrious General from his distressing and cruel Situation and to enable him to concert and execute such a Plan of Operations as his Wisdom may suggest, have passed the following Laws, " An Act to procure Recruits &ca A Supplement to the Act to procure Recruits &ca " An Act to expedite the raising an additional Battalion of Regulars " " An Act to procure a Supply of Salt Meat for the Use of the Army " An Act to procure an extra Supply of Provisions of the Bread Kind, also Waggons & Horses &ca Copies of which we have the Honor to transmit, We have appointed Persons in the several Counties to carry these Laws into full Execution, and have directed them to inform the People, that the extraordinary Power vested in us by the Law (that of Seizure) will be exercised, unless they readily furnish those Articles, so necessary for the army. It is not in our Power precisely to determine and explicitly advise you what will be the Result of our Endeavours under those Acts, but we can with Confidence assure you that if the Abilities of our People and our utmost Exertions are competent to the Purposes intended to be effected by them, every Thing required will be supplied as expeditiously as possible, If we should fail of completing the Extraordinary Regiment within the Time limited, the Militia are to be ordered out to make up the Deficiency in the Manner directed by the Act, and then we shall have it

in our Power to assist his Excellency with a Troop or more of Light Horse, composed of some of our most respectable Citizens. You will perceive by the enclosed Copy of an Act to encourage the raising a Volunteer Troop of Light Horse &ca that a Number of Gentlemen in Baltimore Town have offered to form themselves into a Troop of Light Horse and to furnish themselves at their own Expence; this laudable and disinterested Conduct, we hope will be emulated by the Gentlemen of the several Counties in this State. We shall constantly correspond with and inform you of the Success in the Execution of the enclosed Laws, and give you full and Speedy Intelligence of all Matters that may tend to promote the Interest of the United States and assist the Operation of this Campaign

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[Council to Sam'l McGee Esqr]

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Sir Colo Henry Hollingsworth has informed this Board that you have in your Hands a Quantity of Flour &ca belonging to the Public which you have refused to deliver, until you are paid for what has been delivered. The Assembly passed an Act the last Session to enable Mr Wederstrandt as a public Agent, in a Degree to Satisfy his Creditors, but whether the Measure will sufficiently answer your Purpose or comprehend your Case, we know not; however as you are a good Whig and must have the common Cause at Heart, we trust that any Argument in Favor of an immediate Delivery of all the public Provisions in your Hands, would be unnecessary and Superfluous, after informing you that the army is now and has been for some Time past greatly distressed for every Species of Provisions and that we are ready now and shall be on all future Occasions, to do every Thing in our Power to lessen the Inconveniences which have unavoidably attended the public Purchasers in performing their Contracts. Our Treasury is entirely drained at present, but we have Reason to expect it will be replenished ere long; then we shall with Pleasure furnish Mr Wederstrandt with Money agreeable to the Warrant in his Favor, after deducting such Sums as he is enabled to draw for on the Collectors. The Army must be furnished with Bread therefore we hope you will not detain the Flour and oblige us, against our Inclination, to exert the Powers with which we are invested by the Assembly for this Purpose

[Council to His Exy Genl Washington]

Sir In Consequence of the Resolutions of Congress, Letters from your Excellency and the Committee of Co-operation, relative to Men, Money and Supplies of Provisions, Horses and Waggons allotted to be furnished by this State, the General Assembly, impressed with an adequate Idea of the Wants of the Army and the indispensable Necessity of providing in the most ample Manner for

Liber C C No. 22 their Relief, feeling the Difficulties that surround and embarrass your Excellency, and impelled by that patriotic Zeal and Love of Independence which have actuated their Conduct upon every trying Emergency, and anxiously solicitous to free you from your peculiarly distressing Situation and to enable you to concert and execute a proper Plan of Operations have passed the following Laws, An Act to procure Recruits &c^a^ " A Supplement to the Act to procure
p. 129 Recruits &^ca^ " " An Act to expedite the raising an additional Battalion of Regulars," " An Act to procure a Supply of Salt Meat for the use of the Army " and An Act to procure an extra Supply of Provisions of the Bread Kind, also Waggons and Horses &^ca^ Copies of which we have the Honor to transmit. We have appointed fit Persons in the several Counties to carry these Laws into full Execution, and have directed them to apprize the People of our Intention to make Use of the extraordinary Power, of Seizure, with which we are vested, if they do not readily and chearfully furnish those Articles so necessary for the Army. It is not in our Power, precisely to ascertain and explicitly advise you, what will be the Effect of our Endeavours under these Laws, but we can with Confidence assure you that if the Abilities of our People and our utmost Exertions are competent to the Purposes intended to be effectuated by them, every Thing required will be supplied as expeditiously as possible. We do not apprehend Failure in our undertaking to raise an additional Regiment within the Time limited, in Lieu of the Militia required, but if it should happen, they are to be ordered out to make up the Deficiency, in the Manner directed, and then we shall have it in our Power to assist your Excellency with a Troop or more, of Light Horse, composed of some of our most respectable Citizens. You will perceive by the enclosed Copy of an Act to encourage the raising a voluntier Troop of Light Horse &^ca^ that a Number of Gentlemen in Baltimore Town have offered to form themselves into a Troop of Light Horse, and to furnish themselves at their own Expense; this laudable and disinterested Conduct, we hope, will be emulated by the Gentlemen of the several Counties in this State. We shall constantly correspond with and inform you of the success in the Execution of the enclosed Laws and give you full and speedy Intelligence of all Matters that may tend to promote the Interest of the United States and assist the Operations of this Campaign

[Council to Capt. Alexr Warfield]

Sir We have Occasion for a few Barrels of Powder and must request you will immediately send to Mr Shaw, two Barrels of Cannon Powder in your Cart, or if that should not be convenient, you are to hire one for the Purpose.

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Present as on yesterday

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to James Brice one thousand & ninety Pounds in part of his Salary as a Member of the Council to be Accounted for

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esqr three hundred Pounds in part of his Salary to the 8th of May. p. 171

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. William Riely of the 4th Regim^{t} & Lieut Adams of the 7th Regim^{t} each Linen for 2 Shirts in part of the Articles all^{d} by the Ass^{y}

Wednesday 12th July 1780 July 12

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to John Muir Esquire five thousand Pounds on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to Doct. James Murray Two thousand and thirty Pounds five shillings due him ꝑ acc^{t} passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Frederick Green Eighteen thousand six hundred and sixty six Pounds due him ꝑ acc^{t} passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Col^{o} Uriah Forrest seven hundred and Fifty Pounds on Account.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. William Riely of the 4th Regim^{t} 2 hats, 6 Blankets, 12 Shirts, 12 p^{r} Shoes, 12 p^{r} Overalls, and 6 Knapsacks for the use of a Detachment of the Maryland Division.

[Council to Henry Dickinson Esqr Treas'r of the E. Shore] Liber C C No. 22 p. 130

Sir As the time has passed, when the several Collectors were directed by Law to make their Payments of the first ten Pounds Tax, we flatter ourselves it is in your Power to supply our pressing Wants with a considerable Sum of Money. No sum less than £10.000 would be worth the Expence and Trouble of your sending to the Western Shore Treasury. If you can furnish that or a larger sum, We beg you will immediately bring or send it by a safe Hand to the Treasurer of the Western Shore, at the Public Expence, and that you will consider this as the subsisting Request of this Board to send forward the Money you may receive in future, having Regard to the Sum as limited above, until you receive our Directions to the Contrary

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Thursday 13th July 1780

Present as on Yesterday.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to William McBryde Two hundred and Sixty nine Pounds, six shillings and six pence Bal^a of Account passed by the Dep^y Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Robert Miles Two hundred and Twenty five Pounds due him p Acc^t passed by the Dep^y Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to William McBryde Eighteen thousand one hundred and Twenty five Pounds to be delivered over to Jonathan Hudson for Cloathing Purchased of him by the Governor and Council.

That the said Treasurer pay to Jonathan Parker Two hundred and fifty Pounds on Account.

That the Collector of the Tax for Somerset County pay to William McBryde four thousand Pounds to be delivered over to Jonathan Hudson on Account

That the Collector of the Tax for Worcester County Pay to the said William McBryde three thousand one hundred and five Pounds, Twelve shillings and six Pence to be delivered over to the said Jon^a Hudson on Account.

That John Shaw deliver to Col^o Forrest or his order as many Musketts of those delivered him by Col^o Forrest as he may want

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[Council to Capt Geo P. Keeports]

Sir We do not know what Mr Young means by having his Guns charged at the same Price Mr Dorsey paid. The Guns sold the former were 9 Pounders, those sold the latter were none heavier than Sixes, therefore the Price of the one cannot regulate the Price of the other. The just and equitable Manner of fixing the Price is, to take the Matter up on the Terms specified in the Letter from this Board to Mr Young of the 12th Septr last, which are, "for the Proportion of Guns and Shott sell for at Baltimore." We request of you to ascertain the Baltimore Price of the Guns &^ca which you delivered Mr Young, at the Time of Delivery and inform us immediately that the Money may be received and applied to the Use of the State

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Friday 14th July 1780

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Allen Quynn Esqr four hundred & ninety seven Pounds ten shill^gs for the use of Simon Ratalick p acc^t passed by the Dep^y Aud.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to John Sands Two hundred and fifty Pounds due him ꝑ Account passed by the Dep^y Aud. Liber C B No. 23 p. 172

That the said Treasurer pay to Daniel Carroll Esquire five hundred Pounds, five hundred Pounds, one thousand Pounds, one thousand Pounds, and the further sum of seven thousand Pounds amounting in the whole to Ten thousand Pounds in part of his Salary on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut William Adams of the 7th Regiment one thousand nine hundred Dollars in Continental Money and Three Pounds ten shillings in Gold or Silver according to a Resolve of the General Assembly to enable the Officers of the Maryland Division to bear their Expenses to the Southward.

That the said Treasurer pay to John H. Stone Esqr to be delivered over to James Craig Surgeon in the Hospital Department, one hundred and Fifty Pounds, the Gratuity allowed by the Resolution of the Genl Assembly of the 11th of Decr 1778 and also Two thousand Dollars in lieu of Articles allowed by the Act relating to the Officers and Soldiers of this State in the American Army &^ca passed July 1779 agreeably to a Resolution of the General Assembly June 17. 1780.

That the said Treasurer pay to Doct^r John Johnson Two hundred and fifty Two Pounds, ten shillings due him ꝑ Account passed by the Dep^y Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Jeremiah T. Chase Esqr Eight thousand & seventy two Pounds ten shillings and also the further sum of six hundred and seven Pounds ten shillings in part of his Salary on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Brice Esqr nine hundred Pounds in part of his Salary on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to James Brice Esqr the Sum of nine hundred and Eighty one Pounds in part of his Sal^y on Acc^t

That the Collector of the Tax for Prince Georges County pay to Joshua Beall Esqr Lieut of said County six thousand Pounds to be Accounted for.

That the Collector of the Tax for Charles County pay to Francis Ware Lieut of said County six thousand Pounds to be Accounted for.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. William Middleton of the Dolphin four hundred Scupper Nails.

[Council to Colo Joshua Beall—and Colo Francis Ware, except the Rect of the Letter] Liber C C No. 22 p. 130

Sir. We received your Favor of the 13th Instant, and have sent you an Order on the Collector of the Tax for your County for six

Liber C C No. 22 thousand Pounds, to be expended agreeable to the Directions of the Act entitled A Supplement to the Act to procure Recruits &ca If you should have Occasion for a further sum, inform us and we will furnish it

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Saturday 15th July 1780

Present as on yesterday. except John H. Stone Esqr

The State Boats Dolphin and Plater retd from Convoying the Continental Arms to Virginia.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esqr one thousand and five hundred pounds in part of his Salary to the 8th May last

That the said Treasurer pay to William Williams Thirty three Pounds, fifteen shillings due him ꝑ Account passed by the Depy Aud.

That the Collector of the Tax for Prince Georges County pay to John Beall six thousand Pounds to be expended in the Purchase of Horses &ca under the Act to procure an Extra Supply of Provisions of the Bread kind also Waggons and Horses for the use of the Continental Army to be Accounted for

p. 173 Ordered That the Collector of the Tax for Montgomery County pay to Thomas Richardson five thousand Pounds to be expended in the Purchase of Provisions for the Army to be Accod for

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Tuesday 18th July 1780

Present as on Saturday except Daniel Carroll Esqr

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to John King three hundred and Twenty five Pounds balance due him ꝑ Account passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Smith Brooks three hundred Pounds due him ꝑ account passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Colo Uriah Forrest one thousand and forty one Pounds thirteen Shillings and four Pence for 1 Month as Aud. Genl ending the 15th Inst.

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Johnson junr three thousand one hundred and Twenty five Pounds for the use of John Rogers Esqr Chancellor due him for 3 Months Salary to the first Instant.

That the Collector of the Tax for Prince Georges County pay to John Smith Brooks five thousand Pounds to be expended in the Purchase of Provisions for the Army & Accounted for.

That John Crisall deliver to Capt. William Reily of the 4th Lieut. William Adams of the 7th and Lieut Edward Edgerly of the 2d Maryland Regimt each, 6 Gallons of Rum and Twenty four pounds

of brown Sugar being the Allowance in those Articles for the Months of May, June and July, and that he furnish the Auditor Gen[l] with an Account of the Quantities of the same and those hereafter delivered by him Liber C B No. 23

That the Commissary of Issues Purchase Fresh meat for the Hospital and issue it on the order of Col[o] Forrest.

Charles Blake appointed Commissary of Purchases for Queen Anns County in the room of Conrod L. Weddershandt who resigned

Wednesday 19th July 1780 July 19

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt William Middleton six hundred and Eighty five Pounds, fifteen shillings due him ꝑ Acc[t] passed by the D. Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Jonathan Parker three hundred and ten Pounds five shillings and also the further Sum of Two hundred and forty three Pounds, ten shillings due him ꝑ Accounts passed by the Dep[y] Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut James Bruff of the 6th Regiment Two thousand four hundred Dollars to be expended in the recruiting Service & Acc[d] for

That the said Treasurer pay to Elie Vallette three hundred and twelve Pounds, ten shillings due him ꝑ acc[t] passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That Capt. George Keeports collect and take into his Possession all the Military Stores & other property belonging to this State at the Fort on Whetstone point & in Balt[o] Town and dispose of all except the Cannon & Furniture at public vendue after giving Notice in the Balt[o] News Paper & in hand Bills and that he render an Account of the Sales to this Board.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to L[t] W[m] Adams of the 7th Regim[t] Cloth & Trim[gs] suff[t] for a waistcoat & Breeches in part of the Art[ls] all[d] by Gen[l] Assembly.

[Council to Delegates in Congress] Liber C C No. 22 p. 131

Gent[n] Agreeable to the Resolution of the General Assembly of the 4th Ins[t] we have transmitted to you 12 Copies of the "Act empowering the Treasurer of the Western Shore to draw and sell Bills of Exchange and for a further Emission," which we request you to have conveyed to such Persons in France as you may think proper, to be by them sent to Great Britain, in Order that those who may be affected by the said Act, may have Sufficient Notice thereof.

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[Council to Mr. Hugh Young]

Sir We have empowered and requested Mr George Keeports to settle with you for the Powder, Guns, and other Articles, had of the State, according to the Terms mentioned in the Governor's Letter of the 12th Septr last, to receive the Money and transmit it to the Treasurer of this Shore

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Thursday 20th July 1780

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. Robert Berry three hundred and fifty seven Pounds nine shillings and six Pence Bala of Acct passed by the D. Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. William Reily of the 4th Regt three hundred and Twenty five Pounds, ten shillings due him ꝑ acct passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut William Adams of the 7th Regimt three hundred and twenty five Pounds ten Shillings due him ꝑ Acct passed by the Aud Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Edward Edgerly of the 2d Regimt Three hundred and twenty five Pounds ten shillings due him ꝑ Acct passed by the Depy Audr

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Jos. Smith of Colo N. Gist's Regt eight hundred and thirty two Pounds ten shillings ꝑ acct passed by the D. Aud.

That John Crisall deliver to Capt. Robert Berry of the Plater 5 Galls Rum & 10 bbs Bro. Sugar in full for the Monthly Allowance in those Artls to 27 Inst.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Serjt Nichs Hutchinson of the 7th Regimt 1 shirt 1 pr Breeches 1 pr Shoes and 1 pr Stockings. to John Barlow recruit for the same Regimt 1 pr Overalls and Samuel Clark & Richard Barlow of said Regt each 1 pr Overalls and 1 pr Stockings and also to Capt. William Reily of 4th Regimt Twelve Blanketts.

That the Collector of the Tax for Frederick County pay to Colo Thos Price six thousand Pounds to be expended in the Purchase of Provision for the Army and to be accounted for.

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[Council to Board of War]

Gentn By a Letter received from Mr Stoddert of the 30th June, we are informed the United States have not any Brass Field Pieces, of the Sizes required by our State but that they may have some of different Sizes, which you will have forwarded with the small Arms and Accoutriments if they will answer; we accept the Offer of the Board and request you to have them sent down as soon as may be convenient

[Council to Colo. Thomas Price]

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Sir Your Letter of the 18th Instt we received. You are to purchase Flour, Wheat and the other Articles enumerated, at the lowest Price you possibly can; we think you ought not to exceed the Prices for the Flour and Wheat mentioned in your Letter, nor do we think you should buy more than five hundred Barrels at that Rate. You may give as far as 8 Dollars a Pound for Bacon, and in the same Proportion for other Salt Provision. You must not omit to inform us constantly of the Quantities of Flour and Wheat procured and sent forward in Order that we may give you such Directions for your Conduct in future, as will most conduce to the general Advantage. Enclosed you have an Order on the Collector of the Tax of Frederick County for £6000

[Council to Joshua Johnson Esqr]

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Sir According to the Resolution of the General Assembly of the State of Maryland of the 4th Instt we have transmitted to you, attested Copies of the Act to enable the Treasurer of the Western Shore to draw and sell Bills of Exchange and for an Emission of Bills of Credit if necessary and do request you to convey as many of them as may be necessary, to the Trustees in the said Act named and the rest, to the Trustees appointed by the Act for calling out of Circulation certain Bills of Credit emitted by Act of Assembly

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Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the eastern shore Treasurer pay to Colo James Hindman six thousand Pounds to enable him to carry into Execution the Acts to procure a Supply of Salt Meat &ca and to procure an Extra Supply &ca

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That the Collector of the Tax for Talbot County pay to the said Colo James Hindman six thousand Pounds to be expended as aforesaid.

[Council to The Governors of Pennsylvania and Delaware]

This letter was read by the Pennsylvania Council on July 25, 12 Pa. Col. Recs. 433. See also I Pa. Arch. VIII, p. 433. On the preceding page is printed Pres. Reed's letter of July 20 to Lee

Sir In Pursuance of the Request of the General Assembly of Maryland, we have transmitted to you a Copy of the Act continuing the Act prohibiting the Exportation of Wheat, Flour, Rye, Indian Corn &ca until the tenth Day of September next. You will perceive on Perusal of the Act sent, that so much of the Prohibition as relates to the Exportation of any of the ennumerated Articles by Land, is taken off, and that the suspension of the said Act or Continuance of it beyond the Time limited, depends in some Measure upon the

Liber C C No. 22 Regulations adopted or to be adopted by the States of Pennsylvania and Delaware, respecting that Subject. We solicit your Excellency to send us Copies of your Acts that relate to this Subject, that we may be enabled to form our Opinion of the Propriety of extending the Time or removing the Restriction

Saturday 22d July 1780

Liber C B No. 23 July 22 p. 174 Present as on yesterday.

This Board agrees with Colo John Dorsey &Co for 10 hhds Rum at £30 per Gallon to be delivered to Mr Donnellan at Baltimore Town.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Matthias Irvine lately a Soldier in the 3d Maryland Regimt discharged Twenty Pounds in lieu of the Articles allowed by the Act relating to the Officers and Soldiers of this State in the American Army &ca he having made Oath that he hath not received any part thereof.

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Sir You are to proceed with the Dolphin to Patuxent River and put yourself under the Command of Capt James Buchanan, under whom you are to act as a Tender, so long as he shall think it necessary for the Preservation of his Vessel.

[Council to Andrew Buchanan Esqr]

Sir We have returned your Account against the State with Observations made thereon by the Auditor General, He thinks either of the other Commissioners for Baltimore County, or, as the Certificates are made payable to the Bearer and no Time inserted thereon, you may issue the Certificates for the first Article in your Acct The Commissions requested by you on the 10th Instant, are enclosed. Colo Forrest has given Orders to Capt Bruff to receive from you the substitutes and Deserters which may be procured under the late Acts for procuring Recruits &ca the Supplement thereto, and the Act to expedite the raising an Additional Battalion of Regulars who are immediately to be marched to this Place p. 133

Liber C B No. 23 July 24 p. 174 p. 175 Monday 24th July 1780

Present as on Saturday.

Ordered that the Collector of the Tax for Fred. County pay to Captain Richard Hoff one thousand nine hundred and Fifty seven Pounds ten shillings for himself and Guard over the Magazine near Frederick Town on Account

Ordered That the Collector of the Tax for Frederick County pay to Adam Fischer six thousand Pounds to be expended in the Purchases of Horses &ca under the Act to procure an Extra Supply of Provisions &ca on Account. Liber C B No. 23

That the Collector of the tax for Ann Arundel County pay to Richard Cowman three thousand Pounds to be expended as aforesaid.

That Mr John Crisall issue Rations to Elizabeth Murphy, Sarah Pope Biddy Howard, Mary McDonald Mary Connolly, Mary Samine, Christian Ennis, Hannah Ashmy, Eve Moss, Betsy Isabel, Mary Burnet Jane Elton and Mary Fennell the wives of Soldiers now remaining in Annapolis who are entitled to Provisions under the Laws of this State, until he receive further Orders from this Board and that he keep particular and Separate Accounts thereof also the names of their Husbands and the Counties they respectively enlisted in

Commission of Letters of Marque and reprisal issued to James McCoy Commander of the Brigantine Trooper 100 Tons burthen navigated by 40 men, mounting 12 Carriage Guns 2 swivels and 14 small arms belonging to David Stewart & Co of Baltimore

Commissions issued to Job Garretson appointed Colo and William McCubbin Lieut Colo of the Gun Powder Battalion of Militia in Baltimore County.

[Council to President of Congress] Liber C C No. 22 p. 133

Sir Last Evening we had the Honor to receive by Express your Excellency's Letter of the 29th Ulto with a Resolution of Congress of the same Date, directing Warrants to be drawn in Favor of the Treasurer of the United States on the Treasurers of the several States from New Hampshire to Maryland, inclusive, for their respective Proportions of the ten Million of Dollars specially called for by the Resolution of the 19th May last. When that Resolution and the Letter accompanying it were received, the General Assembly was not sitting, and we were induced from the urgent Necessity of complying with it, to appoint Persons in the Several Counties of this State to solicit a Loan of our Proportion of that Sum, and to prevent, as far as possible the Evils that might result from a Failure. We convened the General Assembly immediately, in Order that the most efficacious Measures might be adopted to procure it. The Resolution and Letter were laid before them and several Laws enacted for the Purpose of obtaining the Quota of this State; in Consequence of which and the Assessment Acts, not more than 200,000 Dollars have been drawn into our Treasury, beyond what we have advanced for the Use of the Continental Army which we can assure your Excellency, though we cannot precisely ascertain the

Liber C C No. 22 Quantum, is far from being inconsiderable. The 8th Inst we sent by Express 200,000 Dollars to the Continental Treasurer and wrote the Delegates of this State on the Subject of the Requisition of the 19th May. It is with the utmost Regret we inform Congress of our Inability to comply with the earnest and pressing Application. Nothing could in the least alleviate the poignant Anxiety we feel from
p. 134 contemplating the Miseries that must ensue on a Dissolution of the Army or a Suspension of the Operations of the present Campaign, but a Consciousness that the Failure of the Supply required is not imputable to Supineness or unwillingness in this State to render every Assistance, but to the Want of Time to execute the Laws and in some Measure to the Scarcity of Money to answer the various Demands incessantly made on the People to support Government and to provide Men, Money and Provision for the Army of the States. We can assure Congress that the full sum required, will be forwarded to the Treasury of the United States, as procured and that our Attention will not be remitted, but every Exertion made to facilitate the Procurement of it. The Expedient of borrowing has been resorted to with such Frequency and our Credit has received such a Wound from our not complying punctually with our Engagements, that we can expect to derive little or no Relief from the Adoption of it in future. We have transmitted herewith a Copy of the Act for sinking the Quota required by Congress of this State of the Bills of Credit emitted by Congress.

[Council to Adam Fischer]

Sir We received your Letter of the 20th Inst and have sent you an Order on the Collector of Frederick County for six thousand Pounds to be expended in the Hiring or purchasing of Waggons and Horses. You are, if possible, to procure them on Hire, and have a Power to make a Contract to pay the Wages in Paper Money, Tobacco, or Specie as may be most advantageous to the Public, not allowing in Specie more than at the Rate of twenty Shillings per Day for the Hire of a Waggon, four Horses and a Driver and in Paper Money or Tobacco, in the same Proportion. If you cannot hire the Waggons Horses and Drivers required, you are to purchase what is deficient and pay for them in the Manner above mentioned, but for your more particular Direction, we refer you to the Law. You are confined by the Law to Frederick County and ought not to interfere with the Contractors of the other Counties because such a Competition will certainly and unavoidably enhance the
p. 135 Value. If you go into another State to hire or purchase, we think you will not be allowed for any extraordinary Trouble or Expence incurred thereby

Tuesday 25th July 1780

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Present as on yesterday.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esqr Five thousand Pounds, three thousand Pounds, Two thousand five hundred Pounds Two thousand five hundred Pounds and also one thousand and fourteen Pounds, five shillings and Eight Pence in part of his Salary to the 8th May last on Account.

That the Collector of the Tax for Queen Anns County pay to William Hemsley Esqr six thousand Pounds to enable him to carry into Execution the Act to procure Recruits to complete the Battalions of this State &ca the Supplement thereto, and the Act to expedite the raising an Additional Battalion, to be accounted for.

[Council to Capt John Smith Brookes]

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Sir We think it necessary that you should purchase the Fish on the Terms mentioned in yours of Yesterday's Date, but at the same Time must inform you, that a Short Credit must be obtained, as it is altogether impossible to pay the Money until the Taxes come in; so soon as that happens, we hope to be enabled to pay all our public Contracts. We hope no good Citizen will refuse to vend these necessary Commodities to the Public at a Time when our Treasury is exhausted and they are so much wanted. The Fish, Bacon &ca procured by you must be transported to this Place or the Head of the Elk, but we wish the Vessel to touch at this Place

[Council to William Hemsley Esqr]

Sir Colo Forrest has ordered two Officers to repair immediately to Chester Town to take Charge of the Substitutes and Deserters which may be sent there by the Lieutenants of the several Counties on the Eastern pursuant to our Request communicated by Circular Letters of this Day. The Expedient of drawing upon the Collector of Queen Ann's County gives you a Chance but no Certainty of Money, as there are still a great Number of Certificates outstanding; yet it proves our Inclination to assist you and the good People of your County in their laudable Endeavours to procure Recruits Cloaths will be distributed among the Recruits when they are collected to a Point.

[Council to Charles Griffith, Esqr.]

Sir We are very happy in hearing you have so pleasing a Prospict of raising the Men required of your County for the Regiment extraordinary and for completing the Battalions of this State in the Con-

Liber C C No. 22 tinental Army, Col° Forrest has ordered an Officer immediately to receive the Recruits and Substitutes in your Care and march them to this Place

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Wednesday 26th July 1780

Present as on yesterday

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Thomas Johnson jr Fifty Pounds on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to John Berryman who was a Gunner on board the Ship Defence in the year 1777 and lost his right Arm in the service of this State Two hundred and Fifty Pounds for his Subsistence.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt William Reily of the 4th Regimt Cloth sufft for a Jacket & Breeches with Trimgs in part of the articles &ca

That the Collector of the Tax for Kent County pay to John Bolton four thousand Pounds to be expended in necessaries for the Recruits &ca at Chester Town and to be Accounted for.

p. 176 Commissions issued to Allensby Jump appointed Capt. in the room of Thomas Casson, James Casson 1 Lieut, Solomon Kenton 2d Lieut, Assa Banning Ens. belonging to the 28th Battalion of Militia in Caroline County, and also to Vincent Price Capt in the room of Thomas Lockerman, Elijah Clark 2d Lieut, Zadock Mears Ensign, Cornelius Johnson 1st Lieut. Richard Liden 2d Lieut. and Daniel Richardson Ens. of Capt. John Hooper's Compy belonging to the 14 Batt of Militia in the County aforesaid

Commissions issued to Nichs Ruxton Moore appointed Capt, Thomas Russell Lieut and Mark Pringle Cornet of the voluntier Troop of Light Horse raised in Baltimore Town according to Act of Assembly pased June Session 1780

Commissions issued to Joseph Gilpin, John Leach Knight, Stephen Hyland Thomas Hughes, John Dockery Thompson, Thomas Bouldin, Timothy Kirk, Richard Bond Samuel Glenn, John Ward Veazey John Cox, Samuel Miller, James Maxwell Elihua Hall son of Elisha, William Matthews, Peter Lawson, Thomas May Thomas Russell, Thomas Savin, Jonathan Booth, Sidney George and James Loutit appointed Justices of the Peace for Cecil County and also to Joseph Gilpin, John Leach Knight Stephen Hyland, John Dockery Thompson and Timothy Kirk appointed Judges of the Orphans Court for the said County.

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[Council to William Whitely Esqr]

Sir We are sorry to find your Endeavours to procure the Quota of Men required of Caroline County have not been attended with the

desired Success. This Board are of Opinion that the Tax of fifteen and five per Centum, as the Case may be, is to be levied and collected from such Classes as fail to furnish Substitutes or Deserters. The Commissions for Militia Officers are enclosed agreeable to your Request. You will have the Militia marched to the Head of Elk where they are to rendezvous and where they will be provided with Arms and every other Necessary for Marching &ca Liber C C No. 22

[Council to The Worshipful the Justices of Cecil County Court]

Gent. The enclosed Commissions were issued agreeably to your Request as intimated by Mr Williams's Letter of the 26th May

[Council to Nathaniel Potter, Esqr.]

Sir. Yours of the 23d Inst. we have this Day received and are Sorry to observe that you should have so unpromising a Prospect of procuring the Articles absolutely necessary for furnishing and Supporting our Army We could not conceive that any of the good Citizens of this State would, at this Crisis, withold these necessary Commodities, and we wish not to be under the Necessity of using the last Resort, a Seizure. We hope and expect the Farmers will readily vend their Wheat, Flour &ca and receive Certificates or wait a Short Time for their Money which we shall be enabled to pay as fast as Taxes come in. We think you ought not to exceed 22..10..0 for Wheat 67..10..0 for Flour, 375 £ for a Barrel of Pork and 60s. for a Pound of Bacon; these are high and generous Prices. It is altogether out of our Power to furnish you with the Money you require, and still Trust that you will be able to make your Purchases on the Credit of this State. The Wheat you receive we wish to have manufactured into Flour as fast as possible and would readily send you the Nails, if we had them. We have not supplied Mr Wederstrandt with any Money lately. You will frequently inform us of your Proceedings in your Purchases

[Council to the Lieutenants of the Several Counties] p. 137

Sir We desire you will have the Soldiers who may be delivered to you in Virtue of the Act to procure Recruits to complete the Battalions of this State in the Service of the United States and to raise an additional Battalion, the Supplement thereto, and the "Act to expedite the raising an additional Battalion of Regulars," immediately marched to Chester Town, where Cloaths and Provisions will be furnished them by Officers who will be in Readiness to receive them.

NB those on the W. Shore are directed to send the Recruits to Annapolis

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[Council to William Smith, Esqr.]

Sir We received your Favor of the 21st Inst and, after considering the Requisition of the Minister of France and the Act of Congress of the 7th founded thereon, requesting us to grant Permission to the Agent of the Minister of France to purchase within this State and export three thousand Barrels of Flour to some of the Spanish Colonies for the use of his Catholic Majesty, have determined to give you Permission to purchase and export that Quantity for the Uses aforesaid and in the Manner the Minister shall direct. We esteem our present Situation delicate and embarrassing; willing and desirous to grant the Supplies necessary to carry on the military Operations here and in the West Indies and to render our Assistance to facilitate the Procurement of them, and at the same Time anxiously solicitous to comply with prior Engagements, and to avoid every Thing that may have the least Tendency to obstruct the Execution of Laws formed for the professed Purpose of obtaining Provisions and to prevent a Competition highly detrimental to the Interest of the States in affording an Opportunity to the Avaricious and Designing to make the most unreasonable and exorbitant Demands for Provisions; We do request and desire you to use every Precaution in your Power to obviate the mischievous Consequences pointed out, and that might otherwise flow from this Permission. We expect, in making your Purchases you will not interfere with the State Commissaries or exceed the Prices to which they are limited, 60 Dollars a Bushel for Wheat and 67..10..0 a Hundred for Flour, and that you will not buy of any Person who has purchased with a View of deriving an Advantage by selling again, for as this extraordinary Demand and the Allowance to procure and export it must be known, we do
p. 138 not hesitate to pronounce from Experience that many adventurous and enterprising Persons will be busily and industriously employed in buying up and storing those Necessaries, to avail themselves of the public Necessities, and to extort such a Premium for their Trouble and Hazard as unbounded Avidity may suggest. The Commissaries have received Directions to use their utmost Diligence in executing the Laws to obtain the necessary Supplies of Provision and you may depend upon having such a Quantity turned over, as soon as procured, as will make up the Proportion allotted to the French and desire you would acquaint us what the Deficiency is at present. We are so hurried that we cannot attend to and answer the other Parts of your Letter at this Time. You will give us Information from Time to Time of the Quantity of Flour you have bought, under this Permission.

[Council to Mr. John Bolton]

Sir As it will be necessary to have a Commissary of Issues in Chester Town to supply the Recruits raised on the Eastern Shore,

with Provision; we request you will act, and you are hereby appointed for that Purpose. We enclose you an Order on the Collector of Kent County, for £4000 and have wrote to Mr Voorhees, purchasing Commissary for Kent County, to furnish you with the necessary Provision

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[Council to Capt Nicholas Ruxton Moore]

Sir We have appointed and commissioned you Captain of the voluntier Troop of Light Horse, raised in Baltimore Town, Thomas Russel Lieutenant and Mark Pringle Cornet. We cannot too much applaud that martial and patriotic Spirit which influenced yourself and the Gentlemen who compose your Troop, to make so noble and disinterested an Offer of your Services to your Country at a Time when the Aspect of our Affairs is far from being flattering or inviting. Your laudable Example cannot fail to excite an Emulation in the Gentlemen of the respective Counties, that will render the Militia of this State much more respectable.

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Present as on Yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to John Brice Esquire Two thousand Pounds in part of his Salary on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Welsh Two hundred and forty Pounds for the use of James Roper & Co ꝑ acct passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to John Wilmot seven hundred and sixty four Pounds, nine shillings and six Pence and also the further Sum of five hundred and Twenty one Pounds, five shillings due him ꝑ Accts passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to William Campbell a soldier of the late Capt. Samuel Griffiths Compy of the 3d Regimt who appears to be an Invalid and an Object deserving Assistance from a wound received in his right Leg at the Battle of German Town in 1777, one hundred Pounds for his Subsistence.

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to the said William Campbell six Days Rations.

Commissions issued to the following Officers appointed to Command the Regimt Extra raised in Virtue of " An Act entitled a Supplement to the Act to procure Recruits to complete the Battalions of this State in the service of the United States and to raise an Addi-

Liber C C No. 22 tional Reg^{t} if necessary, and an Act to expedite the raising an Additional Battalion of Regulars viz.

Samuel Jones Lieut Col^{o}
Edward Giles Major
1 Montjoy Bailey Capt
2 James Fernandes Capt
3. Charles Smith ditto
4 Benjamin Murdock Cap.
5 Henry Hill son of Henry d^{o}
6 James Gillispie d^{o}
7 Vachel Burgess d^{o}
8 Saml Cock Capt. Lieut.

1 Arch^{d} Golder Lieut
2 Saml Hamilton d^{o}
3 Fran^{s} Shepard d^{o}
4. Saml McLane d^{o}
p. 177 5 John Lucas d^{o}
6 Samuel Hanson of Walt. Lieut.
7. Nathl Magruder d^{o}
8 Charles Magruder d^{o}

1 Saml Luckett Ens.
2 Ignatius Boone Ens.
3 Josias Miller d^{o}
4 John Plant d^{o}
5 Theo. Middleton d^{o}
6 Ignatius Blandford Ens.
7 Basil Gaither D^{o}
8 Joshua Warfield D^{o}

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[Council to Board of War]

Gent^{n} The Enclosure will shew the Point of Rank in which Lieu^{t} Edward Duvall and Lieu^{t} John Hardman were placed in 1777 by the General Assembly of Maryland. Mr Duvall represents to this Board that he has been injured by the subsequent Arrangement of the Maryland Line, and at his earnest Request, we have taken the Liberty to transmit the enclosed Copy of the Roster General of the Rank of the Officers in the Maryland Line

[Council to William Bordley, Esqr]

Sir Yours of the 21st Ins^{t} we have received: The Cloaths shall be sent to Chester Town for the Recruits as soon as possible and we wish it was in our Power to send them immediately. Mr Bolton is appointed Commissary of Issues for your Shore; we have given him an Order on the Collector of Kent County for Money, and have requested Mr Voorhees to furnish him with any Provision he may collect, with which, we hope the Recruits may be amply supplied. The Scheme for borrowing Money of the Recruits is a good one, and if any of them are inclined to lend their Money to the State, the Agents who are appointed to receive Money on Loan in Kent County, would be the proper Persons to apply to. The exhausted State of our Treasury puts it totally out of our Power to send you any Money at this Time

[Council to President of Congress]

Sir We are honored with your Letter of the 8th Ins^{t} enclosing an Act of Congress of the 7th recommending to the State of Maryland to grant Permission to the Agent of the Minister of France, to pur-

chase 3000 Barrels of Flour to be exported to some of the Spanish Colonies in the West Indies. We have complied with the Recommendation of Congress & given Permission to Mr William Smith of Baltimore Town, the Agent appointed by Mr Morris who is entrusted by the Minister, with the Management of this Business to purchase the Quantity above Specified. This Permission interferes with the Mode chalked out by the Legislature to obtain Supplies for the Continental Army and, we are apprehensive, will procrastinate the Procurement of them, 'til that Quantity is furnished and expose us to the Artifices and subtle Contrivances of Engrossers and other designing Men, whose Attention to the Public Purchases and inordinate Love of Gain will prompt them to buy up the Wheat and Flour to sell to the public Purchasers whereby the present Prices (far from being moderate) will be greatly augmented. Our earnest Desire to give every Assistance to render the Military Operations in the West Indies effectual and Defference for the Opinion of Congress and Minister of France determined us to give the Permission and hazard the Inconveniences already suggested. We cannot refrain from intimating to Congress, that, if this State should fail in supplying their Quota of Flour for the Continental Army and the French Marine, such Failure cannot, justly, be ascribed to Inefficacy in our Laws, or want of Exertion in this Board, but to Inability arising from our gratifying the numerous Demands, unexpectedly made, on this State.

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[Council to Capt. Peter Clarke]

Sir By the late Acts of Assembly to procure Troops, your Case is not considered and, though there may be a Hardship in your being compelled to contribute your Quota, to procure a Substitute; yet we cannot see how it is to be avoided, as you are neither expressly nor impliedly exempted by the Laws.

[Council to Delegates in Congress]

Gent. We have enclosed you a Copy of a Letter from the Baron DeKalb, addressed to this Board. He represents the Maryland Division to be in great Distress for want of Provisions, the scarcity of which will prevent them from approaching nearer the Enemy's Lines, unless proper Measures are taken to supply them. We esteem it necessary that this Representation should be laid before Congress, in Order that some Mode may be pointed out to furnish them immediately, which is impracticable, by this State, the Distance being so great, and, if it could be done the Expence would be enormous. It, certainly, would not be inconvenient to the States of North Carolina & Virginia to provide for their Subsistence. We have, upon all Occasions exerted ourselves to take Care of the Troops of other

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States, marching through this. As we are not invested with competent Authority to carry into Effect his Proposals of forming a Body of Light Horse for the Service in the or main Army, and reducing the Number of Regiments in the Maryland Line, we did not think it necessary to consider the Propriety of them, but have submitted those Subjects to the Consideration of Congress

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Present as on yesterday

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to James Browne from this State Surgeon General in the Hospital Department one hundred and fifty Pounds the Gratuity allowed by the Resolution of the General Assembly of 11 Decr 1778 and also two thousand Dollars in lieu of Articles allowed by the Act relating to the Officers &ca passed July 1779 agreeable to a Resolution of the General Assembly of the 17 June 1780.

That the said Treasurer pay to the Hoñble Daniel of St Thomas Jenifer Esqr one of the Delegates from Maryland in Congress Eight thousand Dollars to be Accounted for.

That the said Treasurer pay to Richard Bryan Twenty two Pounds ten shillings for the use of Richard Glover and also the further Sum of four hundred and seven Pounds fifteen shillings for the use of Joseph Richardson ꝑ accts passed by the Aud. Genl

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Serjt Cheshire of the 7th Regimt 1 Shirt and 1 pr shoes to be charged to the said Regimt

That the Collector of the Tax for Charles County pay to Colo Francis Ware Lieut of the said County four thousand Pounds to be by him Accounted for.

William Jones of the late Capt Gales Compy of Matrosses from this State having furnished an able bodied man to serve in the first Maryland Regiment in his stead as appears by a Certificate of Capt. Henry Gaither is hereby discharged from the Service.

Commissions issued to John Fletcher appointed Capt of a Compy in the room of Augustus Wheatley. Joseph Hubberd Capt in the room of James Byus, Saml Hubberd 2 Lieut, William Vickars, of John Ens. belonging to the Lower Batt of Mila in Dorchester County also to Jos. Daffin appd Majr John Reed 2d Lieut. Francis Turpin Ens of Capt Ezekiel Reeds Compy Edward Scottow 1 Lieut, Saml A. Hooper 2d Lieut of Roger Hoopers Compy Thomas Logan Capt in the room of Joseph Daffin James Sullivane 1 Lieut, Willis Newton 2d Lieut, Thomas White Ens. William Ennalls Hooper Capt. in the room of Levin Handy & James McAllister Ens. belonging to the upper Batt of Militia in the County aforesaid.

[Council to Colo. Thomas Gist]

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Sir This Board has made an Appointment of Officers to the Regiment Extraordinary to be raised by this State, before the Receipt of your Letter of the 24th which did not reach us 'til this Day by Post. If you will be pleased to inform us in what Manner the Vacancy arose in your Battalion, whether by Death, Resignation, or Refusal to act, and the Name of the Captain whose Place Evehart is to fill, the Commission shall be immediately made out, agreeable to your Request.

[Council to Merchants in Baltimore]

Gentn We have enclosed you the Letter we have wrote to our Delegates in Congress, on the Subject of the Distresses of our Trade, for your Perusal, which we request you to seal and send forward.

[Council to Chevalier de la Luzerne.]

Sir We had the Honor to receive your Excellency's Letter of the 18th Inst. with the Act of Congress recommending to this State to grant Permission to your Agent to purchase and export to the Spanish Colonies in the West Indies 3000 Barrels of Flour for the Use of his Catholic Majesty, and have, in Conformity thereto, given Licence to Mr William Smith of Baltimore Town to purchase and export that Quantity in the Manner your Exy shall direct; and, to avoid the Inconveniences and Disadvantages that would result from a Competition between our Commissaries and Mr Smith we have desired the latter not to interfere with the former, not to exceed the Prices Stipulated by the General Assembly, to be given by the Commissaries and not to buy of those Persons whose unbounded Avidity and inordinate Love of Gain, might prompt them to engross all the Wheat and Flour that can be procured, with the Design of exacting the most exorbitant Prices from the public Purchasers, and to use every other Precaution to prevent the Enhancement of the present Prices. Our Desire to promote the Military Operations in the West Indies and to comply with the Requisitions of Congress for Supplies will induce us to render every necessary Assistance to Mr Smith, to facilitate his Purchase. We have already given Orders to procure & forward the Flour to be furnished by this State, for the p. 142
Use of your Marine; but if from their, and other extraordinary Demands on us, we should fail to supply the Whole, we think such a Part of this Quantity as will make up the Deficiency ought to be appropriated to that Purpose, but we wish your Excellency to understand, we do not mean to keep back any of the Flour, if we can possibly furnish it.

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[Council to Delegates in Congress]

Gent^{n} The General Assembly on the 12th June last, took into Consideration the Trade of this State and entered into the following Resolution (☞ vid. resol.) which was transmitted to Congress, and by them, referred to the Board of Admiralty: The Result of whose Deliberation thereon, has not yet been communicated to us, nor do we know that the Requisition of the Assembly will be complied with. Our Coast has lately been much infested with the Privateers and Cruisers of the Enemy, our Trade and Navigation obstructed and many of our Vessels captured, to the great Detriment of the Public, Ruin of some, and Distress of many of our Merchants, and we can assure you, unless two, or one, at least, of the Continental Frigates are so stationed as to afford Protection to the Trade of Virginia and this State, that there is little or no Probability of our providing Cloathing and other Necessaries for our Quota of the Army. As this State have, on every Occasion, exerted themselves in an extraordinary Degree, in support of the Common Cause, and have, and do contribute their Proportion of the Expence of the Continental Navy, and have not, hitherto, derived any Advantage from it, we can but think it reasonable that our Request should be gratified. We have just received a Letter from the commercial Gentlemen from the Town of Baltimore representing, that the Successes of small armed Vessels, have invited a very formidable Enemy into our Bay, and that not less than twenty of their most valuable Vessels, outward bound are now blocked up in Patuxent River, and have been for some Time past and that, every Day they receive Accounts of their Vessels being taken or destroyed. This Representation of the Distresses and Embarrassments of the Trade and Navigation of the States of Virginia and Maryland, not only merits the immediate Notice of Congress, but, we think cannot fail to induce them to order such a Number of Frigates to be stationed at the Capes of Chesapeake, as will afford ample Protection to the
p. 143 Commerce thereof. We entreat you, in the most earnest Manner, to lay this important Subject before Congress and to use your utmost Efforts and the weight and Influence of this State to obtain the Protection desired.

[Council to Robert Morris Esqr]

Sir We have been favored with your Letter of the 18th Ins^{t} accompanied by Letters from their Excellencies the President of Congress and Minister of France, Mr William Smith is furnished with the desired Permission to purchase and export 3000 Barrels of Flour for the Supply of his Catholic Majesty's Fleets and Armies acting in the West Indies and, at the same Time, we requested Mr Smith to act with that Caution, in the execution of your Commission,

necessary to prevent the pernicious Effects of a Competition with our Commissaries Liber C C No. 22

[Council to Daniel Jenifer, Esqr.]

Sir Yours of the 25th Inst we have this Day received. We have given Orders to the Commissaries in the Several Counties of this State, not to exceed 22..10..0 ꝑ Bushel for Wheat & 67..10..0 ꝑ Ct for Flour. This is the highest Price allowed to be given, yet we hope you may be able to procure it on better Terms. Your Application to be Commandant of the Regiment Extraordinary to be raised, did not reach us until after the Officers were appointed. You will have the Bacon sent to this Place as soon as possible, as we shall want it for the Recruits. It is altogether out of our Power to furnish you with the Money you require, but hope you will still be able to proceed in your Purchases

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Present as on yesterday

Ordered That the Collector of the Tax for Dorchester County pay to John Caile Harrison Commissary of Purchases for said County six thousand Pounds to be by him Accounted for.

That the Collector of the Tax for Prince Gs County pay to John Beall six thousand Pounds to be expended in the Purchase of Horses &ca under the Act to procure a Supply of Provisions &ca on Account. p. 178

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Thomas Tillotson from this State Surgeon General in the Hospital Department one hundred and Fifty Pounds the Gratuity allowed by the Resolution of the General Assembly of the 11th of Decemr 1778 and also the further Sum of Two thousand Dollars in lieu of Articles allowed by the Act relating to the Officers and Soldiers &ca passed July 1779 agreeable to a Resolution of the Genl Assembly 17th June 1780

That the said Treasurer pay to Captain Robert Berry three hundred Pounds on Account.

Permission is hereby given to James Townley Rigby and Ann Rigby his wife, of this State to solicit leave from his Excellency Genl Washington or the Commanding Officer at the out Posts of the American Army at Elizabeth Town, to go to New York for the Purpose of obtaining a Passage from thence to Great Britain not to return again into this State during the present war between America and Great Britain without the Leave of the Governor and Council for the Time being first had and obtained with Liberty to take their Child

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[Council to John Caile Harrison Esqr]

Sir Yours of the 22d is received. We have directed the Commissaries in the several Counties of this State, not to give more than 22.10.0 for Wheat 67..10..0 for wheat Flour 60s. for Bacon and 1 Dollar for Pork and we would not have you exceed those Prices. As there are such plentiful Crops of Wheat made, we expect to get sufficient at the Prices above mentioned and we have not given more than the Sums for Bacon and Pork and delivered at the Head of Elk. The Assembly have given us a discretionary Power of Seizing Provisions, which we shall certainly exercise, if sufficient cannot be obtained by Purchase. It is out of our Power to furnish you with any Money from the Treasury but have sent you an Order on the Collector of the Tax for 6000£ which we hope will answer the Purpose

[Council to Ignatius Wheeler Jr. Esqr.]

Sir The Lowness of our Treasury hinders us from sending you any Money and, as the Collector of your County has made up his Accounts and no Prospect of your getting any from him, you must endeavor to make your future Purchases in Tobacco, until we shall be able to give Orders for more Money. The Horses and Waggons you have already purchased you will have particular care taken of, and not to hire Waggoners for them until you receive Orders for their being sent forward. We cannot say any Thing respecting your enlisting the Waggoners as Part of our Quota, the Law not authorising us. As for the Time for which Waggoner are to be hired, you will receive further Information, at the Time you will have Orders for their being sent to the Army

[Council to Henry Hooper, Esqr.]

Sir Your Letters of the 26th Inst are received. We think neither the Deserters taken up nor the Men enlisted under the Act passed at November Session last, can be applied to the Regiment Extraordinary, but will be deducted from the Quota of your County to complete the Battalions of this State in the Continental Army. We wish we had it in our Power to transmit you the Sum of Money you require, but the Deficiency in paying the Taxes, renders it altogether impossible. We think every Exertion necessary to endeavour to capture the Pirates, with which you are infested, and to assist you, we shall order down one of the State armed Boats but as
p. 145 the Captain of her is at present sick, she will not arrive at Hooper's Streights by the Time appointed by Mr Smoot. We should readily have sent you the Swivels and Ball if we had them. Enclosed are the Commissions agreeable to your Request

[Council to Capt. John Smoot]

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Sir Yours of the 25th Inst we have received, and are sorry to be informed of your Loss in particular and the general Distress of the Inhabitants who are exposed to the Ravages of the Enemy's Piecaroons, aided by some of our own People. We think it necessary to endeavour to capture them, that they may be brought to condign Punishment, and have, for the Purpose, ordered down to Hooper's Streights, one of the armed State Boats; but from the short Notice given and as the Captain is unwell, it will be impossible for him to arrive there by the Time you propose. We cannot think it justifiable, either to burn the Houses of the suspected, or injure them in their Persons, but would have the legal Steps taken to have them apprehended and brought to Punishment

[Council to John Voorhees Esqr]

Sir We lament it is not in our Power to furnish you with Money from the Treasury, it being at present entirely exhausted. The enclosed Order for 6000, we hope, may be conveniently paid by the Collector of Kent County and when the Treasury is replenished, we will enable you to comply with your Contracts. In giving Directions for the Government of the several Commissaries we have invariably limited the Prices not to exceed 22..10..0 ꝑ Bushel for Wheat, 67..10..0 ꝑ Ct for Flour, 3£ ꝑH for Bacon & 1000 Dollars ꝑ Barrel for salted Pork & Beef. We wish to have the Wheat manufactured into such Flour as has been hitherto made for the Army. We have appointed Mr John Bolton of Chester Town, Issuing Commissary for the Eastern Shore Department, and request you to give every Assistance in furnishing him with the Supplies of Provision necessary.

[Council to Committee of Cooperation]

Gentn We were honored with your Letters of the 10th and 13th enclosing a Copy of His Excellency General Washington's to you. We are well convinced that it is a Matter of the first Moment to fulfill the Engagements of this State, relative to the Supplies of Men and Provisions and that the most vigorous Exertions ought to be made to obtain them. Our Endeavours will not be remitted from a Reliance on other States, as fully competent to the Business. It is a ruinous and destructive Idea and ought to be greatly reprobated. We shall do our utmost to facilitate the Execution of the Laws formed for the Purpose of complying with your Requisitions

[Council to Patrick Sim Smith Esqr]

Sir We have directed the Commissaries of Purchases in the several Counties not to give more than 22..10..0 for wheat, 67..10..0 for Flour & 60s for Bacon. We would not have you exceed those

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[Council to Capt Robert Berry]

Sir You will proceed immediately with the State Boat Plater to Hooper's Streights and there receive Directions from and act in Concert with Capt. John Smoot, for the Suppression of the Tories who have been acting as Pirates in Seizing Vessels, the Property of the Subjects of this State. You are to make as much Dispatch as possible and, so soon as the Object of this Expedition is attained, you are to return.

[Council to President of the Board of War]

Sir Upon the Representation of pressing Solicitations of your Honorable Board, we have determined to spare 15000# Powder from the Stores belonging to this State, for which the Continent will be charged with the Current Price of that Article. By gratifying your Wish and our own Inclination to promote the Common Interest, we have reduced the State Magazine to a very low Ebb, and still further to demonstrate our Attachment to the Object for which America is strugling we would most chearfully adopt the Measure you recommend, of purchasing on the Credit of the State, if from Experience we were not convinced of the Impracticability. The tedious and slow Manner of replenishing the Treasury by Taxes, have heretofore compelled us to try this Expedient, which by no Means answered our
p. 147 Expectations more especially after the first Attempt, for, relying upon the Punctuality of the public Collectors, we did not hesitate to give Assurances of Payments, but a Failure on their Parts, necessarily occasioned Disappointments to the public Creditors and injured the Credit of Government. The frequent Applications to this Board by Mercantile Gentlemen, induces us to think it is not to be had from Individuals in this State. The Powder shall be delivered to your Order, from the Magazine at Frederick Town when you shall think proper to send for it.

[Council to Mr. John Beall, ꝑ Geo. County] Liber C C No. 22

Sir Yours of the 20th Instt we have received, and wish we had it in our Power to furnish you with the Sum of Money you require. We recommend it to you to make as many of your Contracts for Tobacco, as possible, as that Article can be more conveniently spared from the Treasury than Money. You have enclosed, an Order on the Collector of Prince George's for £ which, if immediately received may assist your Purchase. This is all we can do, until the Taxes come in. We think it best to have the Horses put out to Pasture, until we can adopt a Mode of sending them forward to the Army

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Present as on Saturday. except John H. Stone Esqr

Ordered That the Collector of the Tax for Ann Arundel County pay to Joshua Dorsey junr Ten thousand Pounds to be expended in the Purchase of Horses under the Act to procure an Extra Supply of Provisions &ca & to be Accounted for.

That the Collector of the Tax for Queen Anns County pay to Charles Blake Commissary for said County six thousand Pounds on Account

That the western shore Treasurer pay to John Bullen Esqr Two thousand Dollars to be expended in the Purchase of Straw & Plank for the accommodation of the Officers and Soldiers now encamped near this City to be accounted for.

[Gov. Lee to Capt. William Woolford] Liber C C No. 22 p. 147

Sir We request you and you are hereby empowered to take the Command of the Plater State Boat and proceed with her down to Hooper's Streights, for the Purpose of Co-operating with Capt Smoot in subduing and capturing the Enemy or disaffected Inhabitants of this State, who have for some Time, infested the Trade in that Quarter and committed Depredations on the good People of the State, who are situated within their Reach. The Officers and Men on Board the said Vessel Plater are required and hereby directed to act in subserviency to all your lawful Commands and this shall be your and their Warrant.

[Council to Delegates in Congress]

Gentn Enclosed you have a Few more Copies of the "Act to enable the Treasurer of the Western Shore to draw and sell Bills of Exchange and for an Emission of Bills of Credit if necessary" which be pleased to transmit for the Purpose expressed in ours of

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the 19th Instt You will observe by the within Act that this Board is authorised and requested, in Case the Bills are not sold within thirty Days, to have Bills of Credit emitted to the Amount, and on the Credit of the thirty Thousand Pounds therein mentioned. We are further requested by a Resolution of the General Assembly of the 5th Instant, to prepare for the Emission in Case it should be found necessary. The Time limited being nearly expired and the Bills not yet sold, we have, in Consequence, engaged Mr Green to go to Philadelphia, for the Purpose of procuring Paper and Plates, and he is desired to take your Directions as to the Denomination, Device, and Marks of each Bill, which we beg you will choose and determine on, and give him your Aid in the Execution of this our Commission.

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[Council to Charles Blake, Esqr.]

Sir We have received your Letters of the 27th and of this Date. It gives us real Concern that it is wholly out of our Powers to supply you with Cash at present. The enclosed Order on the Collector of Queen Ann's County for 6000£ is the only Expedient we can devise by which you have a Chance of an immediate Supply of the Article you deem essentially necessary to give Life to your Commission. There is no great Credit derived from declaring a Willingness to supply the Necessaries for subsisting the Army, if those Articles are withheld, unless the highest Price is paid for them in Cash. The Sincerity of Professions, is best proved by corresponding Actions. We cannot send you an Order on the Eastern Shore Treasurer, as he is possessed of a subsisting Order of this Board, to transmit to Mr Harwood the Treasurer of this Shore, all the Money he receives. The Commissaries who applied for Directions, are limited not to exceed 67..10..0 ꝑ Ct for Flour 22..10..0 ꝑ Bushel of wheat 3£ ꝑ # for Bacon and £375 ꝑ Barrel for Pork and Beef.

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Tuesday 1st August 1780

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Collector of the Tax for Cecil County to pay to Barack Williams Commissary for said County six thousand Pounds to be Accounted for.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Robert Reith Messenger to the Governor and Council one hundred and Twenty five Pounds for one Month Salary to the first Instant.

Whereas it is necessary that Vessels should be immediately provided to transport the Troops of the United States from Annapolis to the Common Wealth of Virginia on their March to join the Maryland Division in Carolina and it being impracticable to procure a sufficient Number of Vessels on line, You are hereby authorized

and empowered to empress as many Vessels and hands as will be necessary for transporting the Troops aforesaid with their Baggage from Annapolis to Virginia. To Capt. William Middleton. Liber C B No. 23

[Council to Henry Downes Esqr. Collr of Caroline County] Liber C C No. 22

Sir We feel sensibly for the Distresses of those who are in the Circumstances you describe. The Money which is directed to be levied is expressly applied by the Legislature and as the Law provides no Relief, it is in vain to apply to those who are incompetent to that Purpose. We have no dispensing Power, nor can we, in Virtue of our Office, for one Moment suspend the Operation of an Act of the General Assembly. p. 148

[Council to Jno Dockery Thompson Esqr Lieut Cecil County]

Sir Yours of the 31st we have received. Though the Law concerning Deserters is general, yet we think it never could be the Intention of the Legislature to include Deserters from other States, as no Benefit would arise to this State from them, they being subject to be taken by the State to which they belong. We think the Recruits for the Regiment Extraordinary are entitled to the Bounty of two hundred Dollars &ca and in some Instances, we have issued the Money to them. Our Treasury is entirely exhausted, we therefore have drawn an Order in your Favor, on the Collector of the Tax for £6000 to enable you to advance to the Recruits. It is out of our Power at present to supply the Recruits with Cloathing we expect we shall be enabled to do it, by the Time they reach Chester Town, p. 149 where those enlisted on your Shore are ordered, and where there are officers to receive, and Provisions made for them and you will be so obliging as to send those recruited in your County to that Place

[Council to Colo. Henry Hollingsworth]

Sir We are informed by Capt Middleton of the State Boat Dolphin, who returned last Night from the Capes, that the Bay is entirely clear of the Enemys Vessels, unless those of the smaller Kind still lurk in the Neighbourhood, of the Tangiers. By Capt Middleton who went with the Arms & Ammunition entrusted to your Care, we are also informed that they were safely landed at the Head of Wicomico in Virginia Every Assistance in the Power of this Board, is afforded Mr Williams to enable him to execute his Commission. The Advantages & Convenience of purchasing in your County, in Preference to almost any other in the State, are apparent. We have no immediate Occasion for Capt. Howell's Vessel

[Council to Colo. Forrest]

Sir We request you will furnish Capt Middleton with an Officer and sufficient Number of Men to man the State Boat Dolphin, under

Liber C C No. 22 Orders to proceed to Hooper's Streights for the Purpose of Co-operating with Capt. Smoot in subduing and capturing the Enemy who have lately committed Depredations on the Trade and Inhabitants of this State in that Quarter

[Council to Baruch Williams Esqr]

Sir Enclosed you have an Order on the Collector of Cecil County for £6000: The Treasury will not afford you a Supply of Money, at present; but as the Collectors are greatly deficient in their Payments, and we shall probably have an Emission of Money shortly, it may be in our Power to furnish you with a Sufficiency to comply with your Contracts. We have limited the Commissaries who applied for Instructions, not to exceed £375 ꝑ Barrel for Pork & Beef, 67..10..0 ꝑ C^{t} for Flour, 22..10..0 ꝑ Bushel for Wheat and 3£ ꝑ ^{ft} for Bacon

p. 150 [Council to Capt. Wm. Middleton]

Sir We request you to Proceed in the State Boat Dolphin down to Hooper's Streights, for the Purpose of Co-operating with Capt Smoot in subduing and capturing the Enemy or disaffected Inhabitants of this State who have for some Time infested the Trade in that Quarter and committed Depredations on the good People of the State, who are situated within their Reach. We wish you Success & a quick Return.

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Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Armourer deliver to Capt William Middleton of the State Boat Dolphin 20 ℔ Powder 15 ℔ Musket Ball half Quire Cartridge Paper and 8 Swivel Aprons.

That the said Armourer deliver to Lieut. Saml Lane what Cartridges he may want, taking an Account of the same.

That Mr John Crisall deliver to Capt. William Middleton 5 Gall^{s} Rum and 10 ℔ Brown Sugar in full for his Monthly Allowance in those Articles.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. William Middleton Three hundred Pounds on Account

That the Collector of the Tax for Harford County pay to Samuel Lee six thousand Pounds to be expended in the Purchase of horses &^{ca} under the Act to procure an Extra Supply of Provisions &^{ca} on Account.

[Council to John Voorhees, Esqr]

Sir The above is a Copy of a Letter sent you by Doct^{r} Tillotson the 29th Ult^{o} in answer to your several Letters preceeding that Date,

for which you will make Enquiry; and hope the Order therein may answer your present Purposes. It is not in our Power to furnish you with any Money from the Treasury Liber C B No. 23

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Present as on yesterday. John H. Stone Esqr attended.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Isaac McHard one thousand two hundred and twenty five Pounds due him ꝑ Account passed by the Aud. Genl

[Council to William Razin Esqr] Liber C C No. 22 p. 150

Sir The Treasury is so extremely low, that it is not in our Power at present, to supply you with Money; when it will better afford it, we will furnish you: in the mean Time you are to make most of the enclosed Order on the Collector of Kent for £ The Prospect of its being paid shortly, may procure you a Credit. We wish you to make some of your Contracts for Tobacco, if it is practicable to do it on Terms tolerably advantageous to the State

[Gov Lee to His Exy Govr. Jefferson]

Sir A certain Stephen Mister of the State of Virginia, stands indicted in the General Court of this State, for High Treason committed within this State: He was committed to the Goal of Balimore County from whence he escaped. Soon after which, he was apprehended in Virginia and delivered to the Sheriff of Worcester County, to be returned to Baltimore, but he again made his Escape. I am informed he is now confined at Richmond to take his Trial at the approaching Court, for Treason against the State of Virginia, and that it is apprehended the Testimony will be incomplete from the Absence of Witnesses. Should he be acquitted from the Insufficiency of Evidence, I must solicit your Excellency to direct a Delivery of him to an Officer of this State for the Purpose of being tried for the Offence perpetrated against the State of Maryland and to that End I have enclosed your Excellency a Transcript of the Record under Seal. p. 151

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Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to James Brice Esqr one thousand Pounds, the further Sum of one thousand Pounds, the further Sum of one thousand Pounds and also the further Sum of nine hundred and Twenty six Pounds ten shillings in part of his Salary on Account.

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That the said Treasurer pay to Col° Charles Greenbury Griffith two thousand six hundred Pounds on Account and also three thousand one hundred Pounds in Virtue of the Act to procure Recruits to complete the Battalions &ca on Account.

Commissions issued to Samuel Blackmore app^d 1st Lieut & Thomas Chilton 2^d Lieut of Capt. Arch^d Allens Comp^y belonging to the Upper Batt of Militia in Montgomery County. also to Saml Offutt 1 Lieut, Bennett Greenwell 2^d Lieut. Jos. Barnes Ens. of Capt. Benj^a Ray's Comp^y. Thomas Owen 2^d Lieut, Henry Nelson Ens. of Capt. Thomas Conner's Comp^y Griffith Davis 1 Lieut. William Williams j^r 2^d Lieut. John Adamson Ens. of Capt. Lodowick Yost's Co. Benjamin Ricketts Capt in the room of Hezekiah Griffith Benjamin Gray 1 Lieut Jacob Elliott 2^d Lieut. Joseph Ricketts Ens. belonging to the Middle Batt. of Militia in the County aforesaid and also to Danl Rhintzell Capt. in the room of Willm Carter, Tobias Yost 1 Lieut, Anthony Rhintzell 2^d Lieut. John Peter Lang Ens. Jesse Willcoxen Capt. in the room of William Johnson, Saml B. Magruder 1 Lt William Talbott 2^d Lieut. Richd Blacklock Ens. Aaron Harris Capt. in the room of Robt Beall Zadock Harris 1 Lieut. John Trundell 2^d Lieut. & Thomas Beall Ens. belonging to the Lower Battalion of Militia in Montgomery County aforesaid.

A polacre or polacca is a vessel with two or three masts, each of one piece p. 180

Commission of Letters of Marque and Reprisal issued to Francis Raveneau Commander of the Polacre Peter 50 Tons burthen, navigated by 14 men mounting 4 Carriage Guns belonging to Samuel & Robert Purviance and others of Baltimore.

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[Council to Thomas Richardson Esqr]

Sir The present low State of the Treasury makes it quite impracticable to furnish you with any Money; when it is in our Power, you shall be informed. Having no printed Certificates, we enclose you a written one, which you will make use of

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Monday 7th August 1780

Present as on Friday Jerem^a T. Chase Esqr Attended.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Maj^r Edward Giles of the Regim^t Extra 100 Blanketts.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Patrick Burke Forty five Pounds on Account.

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[Council to Mr Thomas Donellan]

Sir This Board lately purchased of Messrs John Dorsey & Company, ten Hh^ds of Rum, which you are requested to receive from them and send to this Post by Capt Berry of the State Boat Plater, who will be with you in a few Days

[Council to Matthew Ridley Esqr.]

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Sir We received a Letter from Mr Chase dated the first of this Instant, informing us you would let the State have 345 Blankets and 500 pair of shoes. We are much in Want of those Articles and agree to take them on the Terms mentioned in that Letter, a Copy of which you have enclosed. If Continental Money and State Money should appreciate before Payment, you are to make a proportional Deduction; the Depreciation and Appreciation to be ascertained by comparing the Exchange between Gold and Paper Money at the Time of Contract and Time of Payment. Capt Berry has Orders to receive the Blankets and Shoes, and will apply for them in a Few Days. Mr Chase informs us you would undertake to procure a Quantity of Course Linen suitable for Shirts and overalls immediately. We want 2000 Yards of Dowlas from 10d to 12d ꝑ yard or other Linen of like Quality, and four thousand Yards of Oznabrigs, from 7d to 9d ꝑ Ell, and request you would supply us, as soon as you possibly can, and let us know when we may expect to be furnished

[Council to Capt. Robert Berry]

Sir You are desired to apply to Mr M. Ridley of Baltimore Town for three hundred and forty five Blankets and five hundred Pair of Shoes, purchased of him by this Board, which you are to bring to this Post, with the Rum in Mr Donnellan's Hands, or as much thereof, as may be brought with Conveniency.

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Present as on yesterday.

Commission of Letters of Marque & Reprisal issued to William Taylor Commander of the Brigantine Duke of Leinster 100 Tons burthen, navigated by 60 men mounting 16 Carriage Guns, 2 Swivels and 20 small Arms, belongg to Willm Neill of Balto

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Alexr Contee Hanson Esqr Judge of the General Court three thousand seven hundred and Fifty Pounds due him ꝑ account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to John McHenry six thousand Pounds for the like Sum borrowed of him in Virtue of a Resolution of the Genl Assembly of the 7th of May last, for the Purpose of bearing the Expences of the Officers of the Maryland Division on their March to reinforce the Southern Army.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut William Woolford one hundred and ten Pounds due him ꝑ Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to the said Lieut. William Woolford Two hundred and Eighty three Pounds, five shillings due him ꝑ Acct passed by the Aud. Gl

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That the said Treasurer pay to Messrs Gilmore & Russell six thousand six hundred and sixteen Pounds in part of an Order drawn by John Randall State Clothier for Linen purchased of them for the use of the Maryland Officers.

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Lieut. William Woolford 14 Gallons of Rum and 50 ℔ brown Sugar in full of those Articles of his Allowance for the Months of January, February, March, April, May June & July.

That the Armourer deliver to James Williams 2 pair of Handcuffs the price to be ascertained hereafter.

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[Council to Capt Geo P. Keeports]

Sir Capt Swan lately purchased a Quantity of Plank for State Purposes. We have not occasion for it, at this Time, therefore request you will immediately dispose of it to the best Advantage. We are informed Part of it is already stolen and the rest in a very insecure State. The Proceeds, we desire you will pay over to Messrs Russel and Gilmour in Part of fifteen Thousand six hundred and sixteen Pounds due them for Necessaries furnished Mr Randall, Sub-Clothier for the Use of the Maryland Troops

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Present as on yesterday

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Adam Miller ninety nine Pounds due him ꝑ account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to John Shaw Two hundred and forty seven Pounds sixteen shillings due him ꝑ acc^t passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Alexander Lawson Smith Two hundred & seventy eight Pounds five shillings due him ꝑ Acc^t passed By the Aud. Genl

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Ordered That John Purnall the late Collector of the Tax for Worcester County pay to Col^o Joseph Dashiell Commissary for said County three thousand nine hundred Pounds on Account

That the Collector or Collectors that may hereafter be appointed for said County pay to the aforesaid Col^o Joseph Dashiell ten thousand Pounds to be Accounted for and also to John Stewart Contractor for Horses &^ca in said County twelve thousand Pounds to be by him Accounted for.

That the Collector of the Tax for Calvert County pay to Thomas Jones Contractor for Horses &^ca Twelve thousand Pounds to be accounted for.

That the Collector of the Tax for Ann Arundel County pay to Richard Cowman Contractor for Horses &ca five thousand Pounds on Account and also to Thomas Snowden six thousand Pounds to be delivered over to Joshua Dorsey jun^r Contractor for Horses on Acc^t Liber C B No. 23

That the Collector or Collectors for Worcester County pay to Col° Joseph Dashiell Two thousand three hundred and fifty two Pounds, Eleven shillings and three pence on Account.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to James Bartclay Two hundred and Twenty five Pounds due him ꝑ Acc^t passed by the Aud. Genl & to be charged to the Reg^t Extra.

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Johnson jun^r Cl to the Govr & Council four hundred and sixteen Pounds, thirteen shillings and four pence for 1 m° Salary to 1 Inst.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Brice Esqr one hundred and thirty five Pounds in part of his Salary on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Jonathan Sellman one hundred & Eighteen Pounds, fifteen shillings and the further sum of one hundred and Eighty eight Pounds, seven shillings and six Pence due him ꝑ Acc^ts passed by the Aud. Genl

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to the said Capt. Jon^a Sellman 9 Gallons of Rum and 24 ℔ brown Sugar.

Commissions issued to John Postley app^d Maj^r Isaac Evans Capt. in the room of John Postley, Saml H. Round Capt in the room of John Ratliff & William Stevenson 1 Lieut belonging to the Sinepuxent Batt. of Militia in Worcester County.

[Council to the Purchasers of Horses &ca on the Eastern Shore] Liber C C No. 22 p. 152

Sir We request you to have all the Horses, Waggons &^ca purchased or otherwise procured by you for public Service, sent, with all Expedition to the Head of Elk, and delivered to Col° Henry Hollingsworth, taking his Receipt for them

[Council to Capt. Berry]

Capt Berry You are to be in full Readiness to take the Continental Troops at this Place on Board, early tomorrow Morning: you will proceed with them and the Vessel with you, to such Place in Virginia, as shall be directed by the Commanding Officer, taking particular Care to keep out of the Way of all the Enemy's Vessels and, as soon as you have landed the Troops, you will return, convoying the Vessel which goes down with you, to this Place

[Council to George Dashiell Esqr.]

Sir We are sorry to hear you have not procured the Quota required from your County for the Regiment Extraordinary and for

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completing the Battalions of this State in the Continental Service. We must refer you to the "Act to regulate the Militia," as your Guide in the Appointment of Officers to command the Militia which may be ordered from Somerset, in Virtue of the "Act to expedite the raising an additional Battalion of Regulars." The Rank of Militia Officers still remains unsetled and to fix and determine the Rank of a Part; it will be necessary to settle the Whole. You will readily conceive that much Time will be necessary for the Completion of this Business and that the Circumstances of our Affairs will, by no Means, admit of our giving the Attention, at this Time, which the subject requires; we therefore hope you will let this Matter remain in its present State and that you will not meet the Difficulty

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you apprehend, on this Occasion. We recommend to you to take the Certificates which were given. Those who did not comply with their Contracts on Account of the unexpected Severity of the last winter. An Account of the Arms and Ammunition in Somerset we shall expect by the first convenient Opportunity

[Council to William Hemsley Esqr.]

Sir We request you will send by Tilghman's Boat, the whole of the Flour in your Hands of the late Purchase made of you by this Board. Mr. Ringrose, the Commander of the Boat, has Directions to bring it to the Post for the Use of the Troops now here.

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Thursday 10th August 1780

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. William Reily Fifty four Pounds ten shillings due him ꝑ Acct passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut. William Adams seventy three Pounds ten shillings due him ꝑ acct passed by the Aud. Genl

That Mr John Crisall issuing Commissary deliver to Capt. William Reily 30 Galls of Rum for the use of himself and the Troops under his Command.

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Friday 11th August 1780

Present as on yesterday

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. Robert Berry Two hundred & Eighty four Pounds, five shillings due him ꝑ acct passed by the Aud. Genl

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Ordered that the Issuing Commissary deliver to Capt. Robert Berry of the Plater 5 Gallons of Rum & 10 lbs Brown Sugar in full of his Monthly Allowance in those Artls to the 27th Inst.—and also to Mary McDonald 3 Rations of Provisions.

That the Collector of the Tax for Charles County pay to John H. Stone to be delivered over to Leonard Clements seven hundred and fifty Dollars for Freight of Bacon procured by Daniel Jenifer Esqr Liber C B No. 23

Commission issued to Thomas Gassaway appointed Register of Wills for Ann Arundel County in the room of Elic Vallette Deceased.

Pardons granted to Negro Sambo Slave of a certain Rebecca King of Charles County convicted in Charles County August Court for Felony and also to Negro Tom the property of Richard Boarman of said County convicted in the same Court for Felony.

[Council to Commrs of Cecil County] Liber C C No. 22 p. 153

Gent^{n} We are this Day informed by a Letter from Baruch Williams Esqr that a Quantity of Flour which was procured last winter, is detained at Appoquiminink Landing. This Article is much wanting with the Army; we must request you to use your utmost Influence to have the Flour forwarded with all Expedition, and we shall pay the Amount of Storage &^{ca} which has, unjustifiably, occasioned the Detention, as soon as we are informed of the exact sum, for which you will give an Order on us. Adopt any other Method by which this Business may be accomplished with more Ease.

[Council to Baruch Williams Esqr.]

Sir By the late " Act to procure a Loan " the Agents are directed to deposite the Money &^{ca} borrowed, with the Treasurer; but, as Matters are circumstanced you may apply the Money procured by you, in Virtue of that Law, to purchase Provisions, and, when its convenient, you may obtain an Order from this Board, for such Sum as shall be applied to such Purpose. We can, by no Means consent to your buying Wheat and Flour, at the extravagant Prices given by the Purchasers from the neighbouring States. Our Instructions to the several Commissaries have uniformly been, not to exceed 67..10..0 ꝑ Cen^{t} for Flour, 22..10..0 ꝑ Bsh^{l} for wheat 375 £ ꝑ B^{ll} for Pork & Beef and 3 £ ꝑ^{ll} for Bacon. These Instructions were to govern you in your Contracts, and we cannot avoid thinking you will be more Successful than you imagine. We are induced to form this Opinion from the abundant Crops of the present year, from the real Scarcity of Money and, above all, the generous Prices offered. The Enclosure is a Line written to the Comm^{rs} of Cecil County, to have the public Flour at Appoquiminink, sent forward to Camp immediately. You have a Copy of the Law & Papers required, also a List of those who have already been relieved. p. 154

[Council to Jno. Caile Harrison Esqr Dorchester County]

Sir Yours of the 9th Ins^{t} is received. We now enclose you the Order on the Collector of your County for 6000£ which was omitted,

Liber C C No. 22 you are not to exceed the limited Prices. We request you to have the Bacon Pork, and Flour which you have procured, sent to this Place, as soon as possible. It is not in our Power to supply you with Money to make a Purchase of Beef, nor are we requested to purchase that Commodity. Any Beef that you may receive for Taxes, you will have pastured and inform us of the Quantity

[Council to Andrew Buchanan Esqr.]

Sir We this Morning received your Letter of the 6th with its Enclosure and the Letter from the Commissioners of Baltimore County, covering the Recommendation of Inspectors for that County. It is impossible for us to furnish you with 40,000£ our Treasury is entirely exhausted, and it would be of little Avail to give you an Order upon the Collector of your County, as we understand he has none in Hand. We understand several of the Lieutenants have exercised the Power of granting Warrants, to distrain the Goods of the Persons who compose the Classes that have neglected to procure Substitutes for the 15 ℘ Cent, though the Lieutenant could not obtain one for that Sum, for this Reason; if the Lieutenant could not get a Man for the 15 ℘ Cent, and it should be his Opinion that he could not issue his Warrant in that Case for the 15 ℘ Cent, the Law would be evaded, the Intention of which is, that each Man should pay according to his Assessment. Besides we apprehend it is in the Power of the Lieutenant to get the Money, as soon as he engages the Substitute; for when the Lieutenant agrees with a Man for a certain Sum, he can issue his Warrant against the Individuals of the Class for that Sum.

p. 155 [Council to Capts Murdock, Bailey, Gillispie & Capt. Lt. Cock]

Sir You are appointed Capt in the Regiment Extraordinary raised by this State, If you accept thereof we request you to apply to Col° for the Recruits raised in County and have them marched, as soon as can be done consistant with their Health to this Place; we also request you to notify to us by the Return of the Bearer hereof, your Determination, respecting your Appointment

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Monday 14th August 1780

Present as on Friday.

Thomas Gassaway appointed Depy Aud. in the room of Elie Vallette deceased produced a Certificate of his Qualification which was ordered to be filed.

Commissions of Letters of Marque & Reprisal issued to James Clifton Commander of the Brig Hawke 80 Tons burthen navigated by 31 Men, mounting 10 Carriage Guns, 6 Swivels & 14 Small arms

belonging to William Smith & others of Baltimore and also to Thomas Steel Commander of the Schooner Tucker navigated by 21 Men 85 Tons burthen mounting 10 Car. Guns belonging to Richard Curson and Comp^y of Baltimore. Liber C B No. 23

[Council to John Voorhees Esqr] Liber C C No. 22 p. 155

Sir Your Letter of the 8th Ins^t we have received. If the Orders on the Collectors are not paid and the People will not take Certificates, it will answer no good Purpose to continue your Purchases, from an Expectation of obtaining an adequate Supply of Money, from us; for our Treasury is empty, and we are destitute of the Means of filling it, nor can we say when it will be in our Power to furnish our Commissaries with Money to enable them to execute the Law; but if you had it, we think you ought not to exceed the Limitations mentioned in our former Letter, because we are certain that a Sufficient Quantity of Wheat and Flour can be procured on the Western Shore at these Prices

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Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to William Rasin Contractor for Horses &^ca in Kent County 20000 ℔ of Tobacco to be accounted for at £47..10 ℘ C^t and also Six Pounds in Specie

That the Collector of the Tax for Kent County pay to the said William Raisin 18000 ℔s of Tobacco to be by him Acc^d for a 47-10 ℘ Cent

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Mary Shelmire a Soldiers Wife in the 4th Regim^t one ration ℘ day until further orders.

[Council to Mr. Isaac Griest] Liber C C No. 22 p. 155

Sir If any of the Flour which you procured, in Virtue of the Act for the immediate Supply &^ca still remains in your Hands; we request you will deliver it to Mr Donnellan of Baltimore Town, any former Orders of this Board to the Contrary, notwithstanding.

[Council to Wm. Smith Esqr.]

Sir We have received yours of the 12th Instant and shall rely upon your Endeavors to procure Flour for the Spanish Fleets and Armies in the West Indies, on Terms the least prejudicial to the public Interest. The Flour procured by Mr Griest, we had Reason to believe, was sent forward to Camp, but should any remain in his Hands, we expect he will deliver it over to Mr Donnellan and to that Purpose have enclosed you a line to Mr Griest. The desired Permit for lading the Genl. Lincoln and Holker you will also find enclosed

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[Council to Colo. Baker Johnson]

Sir We request you will have delivered, to the Order of the Hoñble Board of War fifteen thousand Pounds of Powder from the State Magazine, near Frederick Town

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Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Western shore Treasurer pay to Joseph Eastman thirteen thousand, three hundred and forty three Pounds, fifteen shillings for 26 pieces Irish Linen bought of him & delivered to John Muir.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Mc Coy who served faithfully in the 3^d Maryland Regim^t and has had the misfortune to loose his Leg one hundred and Fifty Pounds to enable him to return to his Friends in St Mary's.

That the said Treasurer pay to Robert Mahoney five hundred and six Pounds, five shillings for 15 p^r shoes bought of him & deliv^d to John Muir.

p. 183 Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Richard Sprigg Esqr to be paid over to James Hindman Esqr Contractor for Horses in Talbot Two thousand Pounds.

That the said Treasurer pay to Aaron Ringrose six hundred and ninety Pounds due him ꝑ Account passed by the Aud. Genl

On the Application of William Smith Esqr of Baltimore Town who is to this purpose commissioned and authorized by Robert Morris Esqr of Philadelphia who is Agent for the Supply of his Catholic Majesty's Fleets and Armies in the Spanish Colonies in the West Indies Licence is hereby granted to Lade and Export in the Sloop General Lincoln and Schooner Holker now lying in the Port of Baltimore their Cargoes of Flour for the use aforesaid on their Clearing out at the proper Office and complying with the requisitions heretofore directed.

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[Council to Matthew Ridley Esqr]

Sir. We wrote you on the 7th Ins^t that we would take the Blankets and Shoes, as agreed on by I. T. Chase Esqr and expected to have received them by Capt Berry. We request you to send them by Capt Middleton, who waits on you for this Purpose. We must beg your Attention and Answer to that Part of our Letter relative to furnishing us with Coarse Linens &^ca If you have any brown Thread, we wish you to send us 12^#

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Present as yesterday Dan[l] Carroll Esq[r] attended.

Ordered That M[r] John Shaw deliver to John Bullen Esq[r] as much small rope as he may want for Halters for the State Horses &[ca]

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to John Bullen all the Corn in his Possession Lodged by Col[o] Robosson and M[r] Harwood.

That William Yielding deliver to the said John Bullen all the Bran in his Possession belonging to this State.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Serjeant Richard Wheeler Two hundred Pounds to defray his Expences to Frederick County to order down Recruits for Extra Reg[t]

Commissions of Letters of Marque & Reprizal issued to John Hanson Commander of the Brig Viper 150 Tons burthen navigated by 50 men, mounting 14 Carriage Guns belonging to David Stewart & others of Baltimore. to Frederick Folger Commander of the Schooner Felicity 106 Tons burthen, navigated by 25 men, mounting 10 Carriage Guns, to Jeremiah Yellet Commander of the Schooner Antilope 130 Tons burthen navigated by 40 Men mounting 14 Carriage Guns belonging to John Sterrett, Jesse Hollingsworth and others of Baltimore and also to Joses Hill Commander of the Schooner Grampus 50 Tons burthen navigated by 10 Men, mounting 4 Carriage Guns, 4 Swivels & 4 Small Arms belonging to Henry Brown &C[o] of Baltimore Town

John Wigglesworth a native of great Britain who hath lately arrived in this State that is to say within three months last passed, Appeared before the Governor and Council and before them did take repeat and Subscribe the Oath of Support and Fidelity to this State contained in the Act to punish certain Crimes and Misdemeanors and to prevent the Growth of Torysm

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Present as on yesterday.

Pardon granted to Negro Bob of Montgomery County the slave of a certain Bartholomew Booth convicted in Montgomery Court for Horse Stealing

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Jonathan Chob a Recruit for the Regim[t] Extra 1 Coat 1 Jacket 1 p[r] Overalls 1 Shirt, 1 p[r] Shoes and 1 hat the Bounty allowed by the Gen[l] Assembly. p. 184

Saturday 19th August 1780 August 19

Present as on yesterday

Ordered That John Crisall issuing Commissary procure a sufficient Quantity of Soap for the Regim[t] Extra allowing 8℔ for every 100 men ꝑ week.

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[Council to Andw. Buchanan, Josh'a Beall & Rich'd Dallam Esqrs.]

Sir John Hamilton and Edwd Joes of Baltimore County, William Usher and Thomas Wall of Prince Georges County and Edmund Burgess of Harford County, have been adjudged altogether unfit for military Service and are therefore returned to you. We think the Classes which found these Men, are improperly exempted, and that, at any Rate, they ought not to be admitted to the Credit of the County

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Monday 21st August 1780

Present as on Saturday.

Ordered That Mr John Shaw deliver to Col^{o} Peter Waters 100 Musket Ball and 2 ℔ Powder to be returned in kind.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut Saml McLane & Ens Ignatius Boone of the Reg^{t} Extra each 1 piece of Brittanies in part of the Articles all^{d} by the Genl Assembly.

That Mr Crisall Issuing Commissary deliver to the Officers of the Regim^{t} Extra Rum and Sugar according to their Returns allowing 2 Gall^{s} Rum ꝑ Officer ꝑ month and 8 ℔s Brown Sugar ꝑ Off^{r} ꝑ M^{o} charging the same to said Reg^{t}

That the Collector of the Tax for Fred County pay to Col^{o} Thos Price Commissary for said County Two thousand Two hundred and Fifty Pounds to be by him Accounted for.

That the said Collector pay to the said Col^{o} Thomas Price seven thousand Eight hundred and seventy five Pounds to be expended in the Purchase of Hatts for the Army

Liber C C
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[Council to the Purchasing Commissaries]

Sir So much depends on your Success in procuring an immediate Supply of Provision for the Army that we Suffer the greatest Anxiety in finding you are under any Difficulties in executing the Business entrusted to you; in order to facilitate it all in our Power we have enclosed Pounds of Tobacco, which we request you to dispose of on the best Terms you can, not under and to apply it towards the Purchase of Provision. We are sensible this will go but a very little way, yet it may be of some Assistance, distributed among those whose wants are most pressing until we can send you a further Supply which we shall attend to when in our Power. From the Difficulty of procuring the necessary Materials, we are afraid it will be at least three weeks before the Treasury will be sup-
p. 157 plied with the new Money to be emitted under the Act to enable the Treasurer of the Western shore to draw and sell Bills of Exchange and for an Emission of Bills of Credit if necessary. When that is done you will receive a share of it and it will be proper to make your

Contracts at 40 for 1 in the new Money at which Rate the Public will Receive it again for Taxes. We have likewise thought proper to direct the Lieutenants of the Counties, to order into your Hands any Wheat which the People may be inclinable to deliver for the 15 ꝑ C^t under the Law for filling up our Battalions. As this will certainly be a great Ease to the People, we flatter ourselves it will, at the same Time contribute considerably to the material End in View. We have certain Intelligence that the Army under His Ex^y the Commander in Chief is encreasing very rapidly, the Object of the Campaign continues the same and immediate and considerable Supplies of Provisions are indispensably necessary. In Addition to the Articles of Provision mentioned in the Laws forwarded to you, we find it necessary to direct you to procure what Beef you can, on the Hoof and in proper Condition. It will be necessary, when a Sufficient Number are collected, to hire proper Persons to have them driven and delivered to The Price must be left to your own Discretion, and depend on the Information you may receive of what it is generally sold at, making a proper Allowance in Favor of the State for the Purchase being made in large Quantities. By the Resolve of Congress, this State is to have Credit for Beef on the Hoof, until December at $5\frac{1}{2}$ Dollars Hard Money Net Hundred, which at 40 for 1 in the New Bills is 220 Dollars ꝑ Net Hundred; it is to be wished that this Price may not be exceeded. The Business entrusted to you is of the last Importance and we are under such Circumstances that it is necessary we should receive the most speedy Information of your Success and Expectations; no Time should be lost in forwarding what you have procured, of which we should be constantly informed. Liber C C No. 22

P. S. We have not enclosed any Tobacco as mentioned in the Beginning of this Letter, but will send you Orders on the Collectors of the Loans as soon as you inform us that you can obtain at least the Price mentioned.

N. B. To the Commissary for Talbot County, the following Post Script. "Instead of sending you Tobacco as mentioned in the Beginning of this Letter we have it only in our Power to enclose an Order for £16000, on Mr James Lloyd Chamberlain."

[Council to Colo. Thos. Price] p. 158

Sir Your Letter of the 13th Ins^t came to Hand this Morning. The Order on the Collector of Frederick County for £2250, we have enclosed agreeably to your Request. We would have the Flour forwarded immediately and delivered to Mr Thomas Donnellan of Baltimore Town. The three hundred Hats which you contracted for should be finished by this, therefore you are furnished with an Order for £7875, on the Collector of Frederick County, to enable you to comply with your Agreement. The Hatters, we flatter ourselves, will deliver the Hats on the Credit of this Order, as the Collector is on

Liber C C No. 22 the Spot and will pay them the first Money he receives. The Money to be emitted by the State, will, probably be in the Treasury within four weeks, it will then be in our Power to supply you. The Regiment extraordinary is much wanted at Head Quarters, but it is absolutely necessary that the Men should be cloathed, before they are sent off; you are therefore requested to send all the Hats you have procured to Mr George Keeports in Baltimore Town, with the utmost Dispatch. A sufficient Quantity of Shoes are already purchased and the greatest Part at £24 ꝑ Pair.

[Council to Samuel Gilpin Esqr]

Sir We received yours of the 16th Inst and are sorry to find you have not been able to procure the Waggons expected from you. It is necessary this Business should be compleated, without Delay and we little expected to be disappointed in a County where there are so many Waggons altho' the Money could not be immediately paid. We have Reason to believe we shall have it in our Power to assist you with Money in 3 or 4 Weeks, and, surely, those who have Horses and Waggons to spare, will not hesitate to let you have them on so short a Credit and for such an essential Piece of Service

[Council to Mr. Thomas Donellan]

Sir We received yours of the 18th Inst It is necessary to know precisely, on what Terms Mr Smith received the 412 Barrels of Flour from you. Surely you did not agree that it was to depend on an Inspection at Philadelphia, and in Case of Refusal, that the State should be burthened with the Expence of having it returned. The Condemned Flour you have on Hand should be forwarded to Mr Henry Hollingsworth, who has our Directions to bake it into Bread; when you send it, inform him of the Quality

p. 159 [Council to the Collectors of Loans]

Sir Enclosed is an Extract from the Subscription made by the General Assembly and we request you to call on the Gentlemen who have not already complied with their Engagements. The Motives which induced the General Assembly to pass the Law for obtaining a Loan, were so generally known, and the Object in View so essential to the Interest and Reputation of the United States, that very considerable Aid was expected from the Virtue and public Spirit of the Citizens of this State; the same Motives operate more forcibly, if possible at this Time. The Army under our illustrious General is encreasing rapidly and the grand Object of the Campaign is still the same: immediate and considerable Supplies of Provisions are indispensably necessary, and the Means provided by the General Assembly very inadequate to that Purpose. Although we have the greatest

Reason to rely on the Patriotism of our fellow Citizens, we are not, from the Demands lately made on them, so sanguine as to expect very considerable Assistance by Money; yet as there are other Means in the Power of many pointed out by the Law, we must earnestly entreat you to exert yourself on this Occasion, and that you will call on those who are able to contribute by Loan, a small Portion of their affluence, that they may secure the Peaceful Possession of the whole to themselves and Posterity, by enabling us to comply with the Requisitions of Congress, the Committee of Co-operation and the Expectations of His Excellency the Commander in Chief. We are at a Period of Time which will admit of no Delay, you must therefore inform us speedily of your Success and Expectations

Liber C C No. 22

[Council to the Lieutenants of the several Counties]

Sir From the Information which we have received from the Lieutenants of some Counties, we are induced to believe it will be an Ease to the People to allow them to discharge, in Wheat, the 15 ꝑ Cent due from the Classes which have not found Recruits, at the same Time, that it would answer a most valuable Purpose, in obtaining a Supply of Provisions for the Army at this Time, extremely wanted. We therefore request you to inform the Persons who compose those Classes which have neglected to find Recruits and for which Recruits cannot be obtained by you for the 15 ꝑ C^t^ that if they will deliver to the Commissary of your County as much Wheat allowing 60 Dollars for every Bushel, as their Fines amount to, their Effects shall be exempted from Distress, and to direct them to procure from the Commissary a Receipt for the Wheat so delivered which is to be deposited in your Hands and returned by you to the Treasurer of your Shore instead of the Money ordered to be collected by Distress

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Ordered That the west. shore Tres^r^ deliver to Baruch Williams Com^y^ of Cecil Co^ty^ 10 hhd^s^ Tob^o^ 9859^t^ net & also to Richd Dallam Com^y^ for Harf^d^ 10 hh^ds^ 10087 ℔s net & to John Voorhees Com^y^ of Kent 10 hhd^s^ 10010 ℔s net to be accounted for.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Thomas Townsend one hundred and five Pounds due him ꝑ Acc^t^ passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Allen Quynn Esqr one thousand five hundred Pounds on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to Robert Dashiell seven hundred and seventy six Pounds, five shillings due him ꝑ Acc^t^ passed by the Aud. Genl

Liber C B No. 23 That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut Francis Shepard of the Regim^{t} Extra 1p^{s} Brittanies in part of the Articles allowed by the Genl Assembly and 1 p^{r} shoes on Account. That the west. shore Treas^{r} deliver to Thos Richardson Com^{y} for Montg^{y} County 12 hhd^{s} Tob^{o} 11767 ℔s net on Account

Liber C C No. 22 p. 160 [Council To the Lieutenants of Charles, Prince George's, Harford, Baltimore, Montgomery, Dorchester, Saint Marys and Washington Counties]

Sir We enclose you a List of Recruits from your County, who have deserted, or never joined their Regiment at this Place and we request you to have them apprehended and sent forward as soon as possible

[Council to Lieut Francis Shepherd]

Sir You will receive from Mr Bullen forty four Horses and one Waggon with Harness compleat, with which we request you will proceed with Diligence and Care to Morris Town and deliver them to the Quartermaster General or such Person as he shall authorize to receive them at that Post, taking his Receipt therefor. Forty of the Horses are furnished in Part of four hundred Draft Horses and the Waggon &^{ca} and four Horses belonging thereto, in Part of fifty Waggons with Harness compleat and with four Horses to each, which were required of this State by the Committee of Congress at Head Quarters. You are to draw for the Subsistence of the Horse, from the Quarter masters at the several Posts betwixt this and Morris Town

Liber C B No. 23 August 23 p. 184 Wednesday 23^{d} August 1780

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered that the Collector of the Tax for Kent County pay to Abraham Falconer Contractor for Horses & Waggons in said County ten thousand Pounds to be Acc^{d} for

That the said Collector pay to the said Abraham Falconer 21050 pounds of Tobacco to be by him Accounted for @ 47.10 ꝑ C^{t} and 4 ꝑ Cent.

p. 185 Ordered That Mr John Shaw deliver to John Muir Esqr 4 Gun Carriages for four pounders and 2 Sadles & Springes for Ditto the price to be ascertained hereafter.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Peter Lyddington a Soldier in the 1st Regim^{t} Twenty Pounds in lieu of the Articles allowed by the Genl Assembly.

That the said Treasurer pay to Levin Parkinson three hundred and seventy five Pounds ꝑ Account passed by the Aud. Genl

[Council to Mr. Josiah Johnson]

Liber C C No. 22 p. 160

Sir We refer you to the enclosed, which we request you will deliver and at the same Time give the necessary Information & Assistance to the Commissary in Order to have the Flour removed as speedily as possible

[Council To the Continental Commissary at the Head of Elk or of the District including Duck Creek.]

Sir We have received Information for Mr Josiah Johnson, one of the Commissioners in Kent, under the Law for the immediate Supply &^ca^ that the Grain and Flour which he had procured, was lodged at Duck Creek and that he had wrote to Mr Henry Hollingsworth he was ready to deliver it to his Order, to which he had received no Answer. We cannot account for this Delay in forwarding the Provision to the Army for which there have been and continue, such urgent Demands, and are apprehensive some other Supplies from this State to Duck Creek may be under the same Circumstances. This is a Matter of so much Consequence we doubt not, you will have it immediately examined into and the Cause of the Delay discovered and removed. We enclose this to Mr Johnson and request you will have the Provision received & forwarded.

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Thursday 24th August 1780

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Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That Capt. George Keeports deliver to William Smith Esquire 100 nine pound Shot.

That t he western shore Treasurer pay to Nich^s^ M^c^Nemara a soldier in the 1st Regim^t^ Twenty Pounds in lieu of Articles allowed by the G. Ass^y^ for the year 1779

That the said Treasurer pay to William Rawlings four hundred and Forty two Pounds ten shillings due him ꝑ acc^t^ passed by the Dep^y^ Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut James Bruff of the 6th Regim^t^ one thousand nine hundred Dollars and three Pounds ten shillings in Specie agreeable to a Resolution of the General Assembly.

That James Lloyd Chamberlaine Esqr pay to James Hindman Esquire sixteen thousand Pounds for Sundries sold Col^o^ Richardson for the Brig Talbot.

That John Crisall issue to William Tuck 24 rations due to John Knight a Soldier in the Regim^t^ Extra who is in Goal for Burglary.

Commission of Letters of Marque and Reprisal issued to James Kenner Commander of the Schooner Eagle 24 Tons burthen navigated by 30 Men, mounting 4 Carriage Guns 4 Swivels and 2

Liber C B No. 23 Howitz belonging to James Kenner, John Graham, William Graham and Pemberton Clayton of the State of Virginia.

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[Council to William Smith Esqr.]

Sir Yours of the 15th Instt we have received & have enclosed you an Order on Mr Keeports for the 9th shot you desired. The Quantity of Grape Shot in the Possession of Mr Keeports is not more than is necessary for the use of the Fort. The Price must be agreed on by you and Mr Keeports, who will receive the Money.

[Council to Capt. Geo P. Keeports]

Sir We have given Mr Smith of Baltimore an Order on you for 100 nine pound Shot, which you will deliver to him and fix such Price as they are worth and receive the Money. We request you to have all the Cloathing in your Possession sent to this Place immediately. You will make us a Return of the Public Stores that you have sold, and such as are not wanting, at the Fort and are vendable

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Friday 25th August 1780

Present as on yesterday.

Commission of Letters of Marque and Reprisal issued to Francis Charles Dubreuil Commander of the Schooner Necessity 45 Tons burthen navigated by 8 Men mounting 4 Carriage Guns belonging to Messrs Verdue Karloguen Payan & Co of Cadiz.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Aaron Stephens seventy five Pounds due him ꝑ Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Joseph McKettee a Recruit from Prince Georges County one thousand one hundred and seventeen Pounds ten shillings to be delivered over to Joshua Beall Lieut of said County to be by him Accounted for.

That the said Treasurer pay to Sele Tucker Two hundred and eleven Pounds seventeen shillings and six pence due him ꝑ Acct passed by the Aud. Genl

Warrant issued, Directed to Isaac Griest to impress Vessels sufficient to Transport three hundred Troops of the Regiment Extra from Annapolis to the Head of Elk.

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[Council to Mrs. Lee]

Madam We are very anxious to send forward the Regiment Extraordinary to reinforce the American Army. The Impracticability of procuring immediately by Purchase, a Sufficient Quantity of Linen, for Shirts for all the Men, induces us to solicit your Assistance at this Emergency, and to request a Loan of two hundred and sixty Shirts, which we will not fail to replace when you may deem it necessary to demand them.

[Council to Capt. Geo. P. Keeports] Liber C C No. 22

Sir We expect that about 260 Soldier Shirts will be delivered by Mr Wm Smith on the Order of Mrs Lee. As Mr Griest has Directions to send some Vessels down for the Transportation of the Troops to the Head of Elk, it will be a good Opportunity of sending them down as well as the Overalls which we wrote for yesterday. We request your Attention to this Business

[Council to Mr. Isaac Griest, Balto.] p. 162

Sir The Regiment extraordinary now at this Post, are nearly ready to march to the Northward; we prefer sending them by Water to the Head of Elk, and, as sufficient Number of Vessels cannot be procured here, request you will immediately, upon Receipt of this, procure by Hire or otherwise a Sufficient Number of Vessels to transport 300 Men from Hence to the Head of Elk. We have Reason to believe you will meet with no Difficulty in getting the Vessels on Hire, but should it be otherwise, you have a Power enclosed to impress.

Saturday 26th August 1780 August 26 Liber C B No. 23 p. 186

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Charles Lansdale Eight hundred Pounds due him ꝑ acct passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to John Woolf three hundred Pounds due him ꝑ Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Key and Forrest four thousand five hundred and ten Pounds due them ꝑ Account passed

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Jacob Gray Serjeant in the 2nd Regimt 1 Shirt 1 pr Overalls, 1 pr Shoes & 1 pr Stockings to be charged to said Regimt

That Mr John Crisall purchase for the use of the Hospital 12 Chamber Potts, 24 Porringers 1 Bag Coffee, 1 Barrel Vinegar 3 Galls Madeira Wine 6 Buckets 6 Kettles and two Bushels Indian Meal and that he issue to Doctr Murray 6 Buckets, 12 Cha. Potts, 24 Porringers 6 Kettles, 6 ℔ Coffee, 12 ℔s Sugar, 2 Bushels Indian Meal, 3 Galls Vinegar 1 Gal. Wine & 4 ℔s Candles for the use aforesaid.

That the Collector of the Tax for Calvert County pay to Pat Sim Smith Esqr Commissary for said County six thousand Pounds to be by him Accounted for and that the said Collector pay to Thomas Jones Contractor for Horses &ca in same County four thousand five hundred Pounds to be by him Accounted for.

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[Council to Patrick Sim Smith Esqr]

Sir The Enclosure is an Order on the Collector of the Tax in Calvert County for 6000£ which, with the great Proportion, we flatter ourselves, you have engaged to pay in Certificates, will answer your present Purposes. We have long thought the Supplies should be forwarded to the Army, as soon as they were procured, and have urged the Necessity of making the greatest Exertions to that End; and, if possible, Letters received this Day from the Committee of Co-operation impress the Necessity of the Measure more forcibly on our Minds. Under the present Circumstances of Affairs, when our Magazines are exhausted of Provisions and the Subsistence of the Army depends upon the precarious Supplies of the Day, we cannot avoid reiterating our Solicitation that you have your Purchases of Wheat sent to Col° Fitzhugh's Mill where it should be manufactured, from thence transported to the Head of Elk without Loss of Time.

[Council to Ensign Middleton]

Sir. You will receive from Mr Bullen, Forty Horses. You are likewise to call on Col. Henry Hollingsworth at the Head of Elk, or the Person acting for him in his Absence, for all the Horses which have been delivered to him by the Contractors for the Purchase of Horses in this State and with which we request you will proceed with Diligence and Care to Morris Town and deliver them to the Quartermaster General or such Person as he shall authorise to receive them at that Post, taking his Receipt therefor, as a Part of four Hundred Draft Horses which were required of this State by the Commee of Congress at Head Quarters. For the Subsistence of the Horses, you are to draw Forage from the Quartermasters at the several Posts between this & Morris Town

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[Council to Delegates in Congress]

Gentlemen The Embargo Law of this State was continued by an Act of the last Session of Assembly to the tenth Day of September next, and at the same Time this Board was authorised and fully empowered to continue the Law until the End of the next Session of the General Assembly, provided the Embargo be continued in the States of Pennsylvania and Delaware: but in Case these States, or either of them should take off the Embargo on their Ports, then and in such Case we are authorized and requested to take of the Restrictions imposed by the Act of our Legislature. The Act of the Pennsylvania Assembly expires the first of September, but President Reed is of Opinion that, that Hoñble Body, who are to meet before the limited Time, will renew it. The Law of Delaware expires the 20th of October, unless suspended or revoked by the Executive of that State. In the State of uncertainty, in which we are, respecting the

Revival of the Pennsylvania Act, and the Conduct of the President and Privy Council of Delaware, we must have Recourse to your good Offices. We therefore solicit the Favor of you to make the necessary Enquiries and to transmit us the earliest authentic Information for our Government in the Premises

Liber C C No. 22

Monday 28th August 1780.

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Present as on Saturday.

Commission of Letters of Marque and Reprisal issued to James Tate Commander of the Schooner Rambler 70 Tons burthen, navigated by 25 men mounting 10 Carriage Guns, belonging to Daniel Bowley & Samuel Smith of Balt. Town

Ordered that Capt. George Keeports deliver to Messrs Thoroughgood Smith Daniel Bowley, Stephen Steward junr and Samuel Smith, the number of arms, & Quantity of Ammunition necessary for arming and Equiping the men and Vessels now about to be employed in expelling the Enemy from the Chesapeake and Protecting the Trade of Virginia and Maryland, taking their Receipts therefor

That the Collector of the Tax for Somerset County pay to Henry Jackson Esqr Commissary for said County, Two thousand Pounds to be Accounted for

That John Bullen deliver to Frederick Green one of the Public Horses to go to Baltimore

[Council to Colo. Robt. T. Hooe, Alexandria]

Liber C C No. 22 p. 163

Sir The great Injuries sustained by the mercantile Interests of Maryland & Virginia and the, almost, entire Interruption of the Navigation of the Bay, by the Privateers and other Vessels of the Enemy, have induced us, in Conjunction with the Merchants of Baltimore Town, to endeavour to capture or clear the Bay of them. For this Purpose, the state armed Boats two Brigs and some Barges are to be sent down: but as the Enemy's Vessels are numerous and we wish to have such a Force as will certainly answer the intended Purpose, if you or any of the mercantile Gentlemen of your City, have any Vessels that would assist in this Business, they might render not only essential Service to the Trade, but also to the United States, as the Transportation of Provisions from Virginia, is totally stopped and our Army is much in want of them. Our Vessels will go down the Bay some Time next Week. This Business ought not to be made public. The enclosed Letter to Governor Jefferson, on this Subject, we beg you to forward by Express.

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[Council to Colo. Joseph Dashiell]

Sir We received yours of the 16th Inst The enclosed Nol. Pross, the Governor has granted in Favor of Philip Buly on Condition that he serve as a Soldier for the War and on your Representation of the Circumstances of others in a like Predicament, he will grant Nol. Pros. on the same Terms. This he is induced to do as the Commander in Chief writes pressingly for Men, and on your Information that the Ringleaders are in Goal and may be made Examples of. We shall in a few Days send down our State Boats to assist some other Vessels in clearing the Bay of the Enemy and we request you to embrace the first Opportunity of a safe Navigation to send all the Provision collected in your County to the Head of Elk. We have the most pressing Demands on us for the Supplies expected from this State

[Council to Colo. James Hindman]

Sir Your Letter of the 9th Inst as well as that of the 22d we have received from Mr Gibson, and the former would have been answered by the Return of Mr Gibson, but for the Multiplicity of Business, with which this Board was then overwhelmed, and his Impatience to leave Town. The Order on Mr Chamberlain was drawn at your Request & enclosed in the Letter which accompanies this, it has laid on the Table since its Date, for a good Opportunity. Mr Sprigg has been paid agreeably to your Contract. You have also a Parcel of printed Certificates by this Opportunity.

[Council to Colo. George Dashiell]

Sir We received yours of the 15th & 17th Inst As you are of Opinion there no longer Subsists the same Reason for having the Arms distributed among the Militia Captains and it is of Consequence to have them kept in Order, we request they may be collected and retained under your immediate Care and that you employ some trusty Person to put them in Order, and doubt not, but in doing this you will have in Mind how much the public as well as your own immediate Safety is concerned in having them put and kept in a proper State. As to the Subject of the Recruit you mention, the Law must be your Guide; we think the Money promised by the Class, ought, in Justice & Equity to be paid

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[Council to Henry Jackson, Esqr.]

Sir We received yours of the 17th Inst The Bacon & Pork which you have at Princess Ann, would be of some Service if forwarded. Could you conveniently send it to Cambridge to the Care of Mr I. C. Harrison, we apprehend it would be shipped from thence to the Head of Elk and delivered to the acting Commissary there, with more

Safety than by sending it down Wiccomico; however this Matter must be left to your Discretion. Enclosed is an Order on the Collector for £2000. Liber C C No. 22

[Council to His Excy. Govr. Jefferson Virginia]

Sir The alarming State of the Trade of Virginia & Maryland in the Chesapeake and above all, the extreme Difficulty and Hazard of supplying the Northern Army with Provisions from Virginia and the Southern Parts of this State, occasioned by the continued and encreasing Depredations of the Enemy have rendered the immediate Expulsion of them from the Bay, an Object of Magnitude to this Board. The Merchants of Baltimore have, on this Occasion, undertaken to second us with two armed Brigs & three large Barges, every of which we shall furnish sufficiently with Men, Arms and Ammunition. This Force will be accompanied by two fast sailing State Boats, to act as Tenders. We most earnestly solicit your Excellency to aid us in this Service, so beneficial to the States in General and to Virginia & Maryland in particular. Only such Vessels of War whch can be immediately equipped can be serviceable, as the Success of this Attempt will depend in a great Measure upon the Secrecy and Expedition with which it is executed. We expect our Vessels will be ready to proceed down the Bay the 6th of next Month.

[Council to Colo George Dashiell and Colo Henry Hooper]

Sir We intend to send down, in a few Days, our State Boats, to Co-operate with some Vessels from Baltimore in clearing the Bay of the Enemy and request you to hold a Party of Militia you can depend on, in readiness to give what Assistance in your Power, in Case there should be occasion for them. This Design should not be made public

Tuesday 29th August 1780 Liber C B No. 23 p. 186

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered that the W. Shore Treasr deliv^r to Jas Calhoun Comry for Balto County 34 hhds Tobo 33108 ℔s net on Acct

Ordered That the Eastern shore Treasurer pay to Robertson Stevens one thousand five hundred and fifty four Pounds ten shillings ꝑ Acct passed by the Gl A.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Doct. James Murray three thousand Pounds on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Robt Berry Two thousand seven hundred and seventy six Pounds sixteen shillings & three Pence on Account.

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Ordered That John Shaw deliver to William Middleton 1 Barrel Turpentine for the use of the Plater and Dolphin and also what Spun Yarn he may want for the Dolphin.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to John Beall Contractor for Horses &ca in Prince Georges County 9445 pounds of Tobacco on Account.

That the Collector of the Tax for Prince Georges County pay to the said John Beall fifteen thousand Pounds to be Accounted for.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to James Pope a Blind Soldier belonging to the 3d Maryland Regimt one hundred fifty Pounds to procure him Cloaths & other necessaries

Mr John Wigglesworth a native of Great Britain who hath lately arrived in the State and who on the 17th Inst appeared before this Board and voluntarily did take repeat and Subscribe the Oath of Fidelity and Support to this State contained in the "Act to punish certain Crimes and Misdemeanors and to prevent the Growth of Toryism" this Day again appeared before this Board and voluntarily did take repeat and subscribe a Declaration of his Belief in the Christian Religion and also did take repeat and Subscribe the Oath prescribed by the Act for Naturalization passed in July Session 1779.

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Wednesday 30th August 1780.

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. John Hawkins Two hundred Pounds, five shillings due him ꝑ acct passed by the Aud. Genl

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to the Commanding Officer of the Regt Extra all the Shirts in his Possession.

That the said Commissary deliver to James Friend late a Soldier in the 5th Regimt regularly discharged 1 Coat & 1 Waistcoat in part of the Cloathing due him for the year 1780

That John Crisall issuing Commissary deliver to Capt. John Hawkins of the 5th Regimt 64 lbs bro. Sugar & 16 Gallons of Rum in full of those Articles of Stores allowed the Officers of the Maryland Line by the Genl Assembly from Janry to August inclusive

That the western shore Treasurer deliver to Frederick Green Esqr such Plates as he may want.

In Virtue of the "Act for the Regulation of the Staple of Tobacco" the following Persons are hereby appointed Inspectors viz

St Marys County Chaptico Thomas Nicholls St. Inegoes Capt John Horn Abell Wicomico Gerard Bond Leonard Town Ignts Abell, St. Cuthberts Creek Capt John Smith St Mary's River John Taylor & Town Creek Enoch Breedon

Kent	Langfords Bay Nathaniel Ricketts.	Liber C B No. 23
Ann Arundel	Elkridge Landing Nicholas Ridgely Warfield & Charles White Indian Landing John Marriott, Taylor's landing Capt. Jn° Ijams Senr Pig Point, Joseph Hutton	
Calvert	Head of St Leonards Creek, Thomas Johnson Cliffts, Hunting Creek, James Skinner, Lower Marlborough, Basil Williamson.	
Charles County.	Benedict Town, Henry Lyon Piles's fresh Zach^a Chunn, Lo Ceder Point, Samuel Jones Chandlers Point, H^y Smith Hawkins, Nanjemoy Fra^s Adams, Chickamuxen Creek Fra^s B. Franklin Pomonkey Creek Peter Dent.	
Somerset.	Princess Ann Town, John Law, Coleburn's Creek Henry Miles, Pocomoke Benj^a Schoolfield On Wicomico River at the Wareho' near Green Hill Town William Stewart On Nanticoke River at the Head of Barren Creek George Wailes	
Talbot.	Kingstown James Barnwell, Parsons Landing Tristram Bowdle, Bruffs Landing Thos Ray Emersons Landing Robert Hall, Sherwoods Landing John Caulk, Oxford John Markland	
Baltimore.	Baltimore Town, Henry Stevenson of Edwd & Sol° Hillen	
Harford	Otter Point Alexander McComas	
Prince Georges.	Queen Anns, Marsh M. Duvall, Up. Marlbro Charles Clagett, Nottingham, Allen Bowie, Bladensburgh John Beall & Saml Shekells, Broad Creek John Lowe, Piscataway Richard Clagett Magruders Benjamin Wales.	
Queen Anns.	Blunts Joseph Barnes, Brown's John Kent. Hoppers. Nathan Brown Porters James Hackett Pembertons John Fisher	
Caroline	Choptank Bridge, James Genn	
Montgomery,	Geo Town. Maj^r Geo. Magruder & Hezekiah Magruder.	

Thursday 31st August 1780 — August 31

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to James Brice Esqr one hundred and seventeen Pounds one shilling and three Pence due him ꝑ acc^t passed by the A. G^l

That the Collector of the Tax for Washington County pay to Col° Moses Rawlings five thousand Pounds to be by him expended in the

Liber C B No. 23 Purchase of Cloathing for the Comp^{y} stationed at Fort Frederick on Account.

Commission issued to Gabriel Jacob appointed Ens. in the Comp^{y} of Infantry to serve within this State in the room of William Piles who did not accept his Appointment.

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[Council to Capt. John Reid]

Sir We have received yours of the 25th Ins^{t} & enclose a Commission to Mr Gabriel Jacob & send by this Opportunity an Order on the Collector to Col^{o} Rawlings for a sum of Money to be laid out in Cloathing necessary for the Men under your Command.

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[Council to Colo. Moses Rawlings]

Sir A Letter we wrote you the 22^{d} and which you will receive by this Opportunity, will be an Answer, in some Measure, to yours of the 26th Augt We have now only to enclose you an Order on the Collector for five thousand Pounds to be expended in the Purchase of those Articles which are most wanted for Cloathing the Men under Capt. Reid.

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Friday 1st September 1780.

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Collector of Frederick County pay to William Magruder Contractor for horses fourteen thousand Pounds on Account.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esqr one thousand five hundred Pounds to be delivered over to John Hanson Esqr a Delegate in Congress on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to William Hyde Ass^{t} Cl to the Govr & Council six hundred and Twenty five Pounds for 1½ M^{o} Salary to this Inst.

That Jno Hall Esqr deliver to Fred. Green the Plates on which the Convention Money was Struck

p. 189 Commissions issued to the following Persons appointed to fill up the vacancies in the Regim^{t} Extra, Alexander Lawson Smith, Lieut Col^{o} Comm^{d} in the room of Saml Jones resigned.

2 Charles Smith instead of James Fernandes resigned
3 Benj^{a} Murdoch in the room of C Smith promoted
4 Vach^{l} Burgess in the room of B. Murdock d^{o}
5. Samuel Cock in the room of Henry Hill resigned
6. Arch^{d} Golder in the room of Ja^{s} Gillispie d^{o}
7 Fran^{s} Shepard in the room of V. Burgess prom^{d}
8 Saml McLane Capt. Lieut. in the room of Saml Cock d^{o}
1 Jno Lucas Lieut in the room of A. Golder d^{o}
2 Saml Hanson in the room of S. Hamilton res^{d}

3 Ch^{s} Magruder L^{t} in the room of F. Shepard promoted
4 Saml Luckett in the room of S. McLane d^{o}
5. Ign^{s} Boon in the room of I. Lucas d^{o}
6. Theo. Middleton in the room of S^{l} Hanson d^{o}
7. Josias Miller in the room of Nathl Magruder res^{l}
8. John Plant in the room of Ch^{s} Magruder prom^{d}
1 Jacob Gray Ens in the room of Saml Luckett d^{o}
2 Ja^{s} Bigham in the room of Ign. Blandford res^{d}
3 Basil Clements in the room of J. Miller prom^{d}

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Whereas there is at this Time an Invasion of the State of Maryland by Ships of War, and there are good Grounds to believe that the going at large of John Harper and William Hinchman j^{r} Mariners will be dangerous to the State you are commanded to take into your Custody the said John & William and bring them before this Board to be dealt with according to Law. To the Sheriff of Ann Arundell County.

See also Red Book 23 No. 69

[Council To the Ensigns in the Regt. Extra]

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Sir You are appointed an Ensign in the Regiment Extraordinary raised in this State; if you accept thereof, you will repair as soon as possible to this Place, to take Command

[Council to Colo Alexr Lawson Smith]

Sir You are appointed Lieu^{t} Col^{o} Commandant of the Regiment Extraordinary raised by this State; if you accept thereof, you will notify it to us, and repair, as soon as convenient, to this Place to take Command.

[Council to William Magruder Esqr. Contractor for Fredk]

Sir Enclosed you will receive an Order on the Collector of Frederick County for 14000£ on Account. You are to pay Jeremiah Gittings for bringing the Horses down as well as every other Necessary and reasonable Expence arising on the Execution of your Commission which must be charged and adjusted by the Auditor General in your General Account, when you have closed your Purchase

[Council to Daniel Bowley Esqr. & others Balto]

Gentlemen By the enclosed Depositions which we have this Day taken, you may collect some Necessary Intelligence respecting the intended Expedition against the Enemy's Vessels below. We shall be glad to be informed when your Vessels will be ready

Saturday 2^{d} September 1780

September 2 Liber C B No. 23 p. 189

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut Edmond Moran of the 6th Regim^{t} Cloth & Trimmings suff^{t} for a Suit of

Liber C B No. 23 Cloaths and Linen for 2 Shirts in part of the Articles allowed by the Gen[l] Assembly.

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Capt. William Middleton of the Dolphin 10 ℔s Sugar & 5 Gall[s] Rum the Allowance for this Month.

That the said Commissary deliver to Simeon Lombard one Ration ꝑ Day until further Orders.

That the Collector of the Tax for Washington County pay to Henry Schnebely Esq[r] Contractor for Waggons and Teams Ten thousand Pounds on Acc[t] and also to Col[o] Henry Shryock Contractor for Horses six thousand Pounds on Account.

Liber C C No. 22 p. 167 [Council to Henry Schenebely Esqr. Contr for Washington County]

Sir Yours of the 30th Ult[o] we have received and are surprised you never received any of our Letters. The Law particularly points out the Manner in which the Waggons, Horses &[ca] are to be procured, which we enclose you. We think the Waggons, Horses &[ca] which were offered by Non-jurors, since the Expiration of the Time limited, ought not to be received. We wish you to be as expeditious as possible in procuring the Waggons & Horses and have them sent forward to the Head of Elk; you will also forward the Flour to M[r] Thomas Donnellan at Baltimore, as soon as possible. To expedite your Purchase of Waggons and Horses, we have sent you an Order on the Collector of your County for 10,000£ which we hope will be immediately paid.

[Council to Colo. Henry Shryock]

Sir We are sorry to be informed, by a Letter from M[r] Schenebely that you have not as yet entered on the Purchase of Horses; we request you to endeavour to procure them as soon as possible and have them sent forward to the Head of Elk. We enclose you an Order on the Collector of your County for 6000£ which we hope will assist to expedite your Purchase. We refer you to the Law for your Government in this Business.

[Council to Mr. Thomas Donellan]

Sir We observe in yours of the 23[d] Ult[o] that you think the Flour you have on Hand is in general very faulty. Please to make us a Return of what you have received and forwarded, since you have had the Business in your Hands, of whom you received it, when forwarded and what remains. Whatever M[r] Smith declines receiving we would have sent to the Head of Elk, to be forwarded to the Army. If there should be any Flour musty or sour, it will be proper to have it baked into Bread, mixing it if necessary with some other Flour, so

as to make the Bread merchantable or proper for the Use of the Army; when this is done, it should likewise be forwarded. We request you to let us hear from you soon, in Answer to this. Liber C C No. 22

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Ordered That the Collector of the Tax for Baltimore County pay to John Cockey Contractor for Waggons & Teams Ten thousand Pounds on Account

That the western shore Treasurer pay to John Muir six thousand Dollars to be by him Accounted for.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. William Middleton six hundred and fifty six Pounds, ten shillings due him ꝑ acc^t passed by the Dep^y Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt Robert Berry five hundred & sixty three Pounds ten Shillings due him ꝑ Acc^t passed by the D. Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Johnson j^r four hundred & sixteen Pounds thirteen shillings & four Pence for 1 m^o Salary to the 1st Ins^t

Ordered That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Capt Robert Berry of the Plater 5 Gall^s of Rum & 10 ℔^s Brown Sugar the Allowance for the month of Sept. p. 190

That Mr Shaw deliver to Capt. Robert Berry 10 ℔ Buck Shott 25 ℔ Powder 20 ℔s Musket Ball 8 fathom Match rope & 1 Quire of Cartridge Paper for the Plater and also to Capt. William Middleton 15 ℔ Buck shott 15 ℔s Powder & 10 ℔ Musket Ball for the Dolphin.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Robert Reith one hundred and Twenty five Pounds for 1 Month Salary to the 1st Inst.

[Council to Chas. Blake Esqr.] Liber C C No. 22 p. 168

Sir We have just received yours of the 25th Ult^o and expect to have the Return you mention and to hear that you are forwarding the Wheat to the Head of Elk. We have some Medicine in the State Store which Doct^r Davidson may have for the Amount of the Wheat purchased of him, if on his Application, we can Spare all the Articles he wants. The new Money will be out in a few Days and it must be rated in your Purchases at 40 Continental Dollars for one new Dollar. Under our present Difficulties and the Necessity there is of supplying the Army immediately, we must request you to procure the Flour on the best Terms you can, but we wish you not to exceed one and a Half new Dollars ꝑ Bushel of Wheat. The Propriety of keeping this secret, will doubtless, occur to you

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Tuesday 5th September 1780

Present as on yesterday.

James Calhoun Esqr is appointed Commissary of Purchases for Baltimore County in the room of Abraham Risteau who resigned

Ordered That Mr Shaw deliver to Capt. Robert Berry of the State Boat Plater, Bolt rope sufft for the Mainsail and three fathom of Junk and also 3 fathom of Junk for the Dolphin.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. Robert Berry 2 yds wrappers for the use of the Plater.

That Doctr Murray deliver to Danl Jenifer 6 ℔s Bark

In Virtue of the "Act to enable the Treasurer of the western shore to draw and sell Bills of Exchange and for an Emission of Bills of Credit if necessary" passed in June Session 1780 Messrs William Wilkins and Isaac McHard are appointed supervisors of the Press for superintending the Printing of the said Bills of Credit.

Commission of Marque and Reprisal issued to Thomas Patten Commander of the schooner Rover 60 Tons burthen, navigated by 10 men mounting 6 Carriage Guns 4 Swivels and 10 Muskets belonging to Samuel Smith & Danl Bowley of Baltimore

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[Council to James Calhoun Esqr]

Sir This covers your Appointment to the Commissariate of Baltimore County and the Laws directing your Conduct in the Execution of that Trust, This State having fallen very considerably short for the two last Months back of the Supplies particularly Flour, which were required and have been expected by Congress and the Committee of Cooperation it is incumbent on us to endeavour by every Means in our Power to make up that Deficiency immediately and to have a Prospect of continuing the Supplies. In this the Reputation of this State is deeply concerned as well as the General Interest of America at this particular Crisis, as you will readily perceive by the enclosed Extracts of Letters received by us. Under these Circumstances we have to request your immediate and most diligent Attention to this Business. If our Information is well founded, there is a very considerable Quantity of Flour for Sale in your Town & the Price reasonable, and probably more may be done in a Week, by you than in a Month by all the other of the Commissioners in the State. This would, at this Time, relieve us from very distressing Circumstances. To have it in our Power to inform the Commissary General of a certain and considerable Supply which may be relied on in a short Time, might be the Means of preventing a Dissolution of Part of the Army under the Commander in Chief and avoiding the disgraceful Circumstances so strongly described in one of the Ex-
p. 169 tracts referred to. We are sensible Sir, in Order to execute this Business to effect, you must be powerfully assisted by us; we shall

therefore explain our Situation as fully as we can, by which you may, in some Measure regulate your Conduct. By this Opportunity we enclose Notes for 34 Hhds. of Tobacco, which we request you to dispose of on the best Terms you can and to apply the Money to the Purchase of Flour. We have Reason from Subscriptions already made to assure you of a further Supply of 60 or 70 Hhds. for the same Purchase. In Addition to this which will put a certain Sum into your Hands, we flatter ourselves a further Collection will be made of Tobacco. The Assessment in Tobacco is to collected in this Month, which probably will be paid into the Treasury within the Time directed, this will give us an Opportunity of raising a very considerable Sum of Money and may be reckoned a certain Fund and we flatter ourselves the New Money, which will be ready in next Week, will, in a great Measure, assist the Purchase of Provision. We do not know any good Reason why it should not circulate readily at 40 for 1 and in all Contracts that must be the Standard; as the State is to receive it at the same Rate, we hope, at least some Part of the purchase may be made in it. From our present Difficulties and the Necessity of supplying the Army immediately, we must request you to procure the Flour on the best Terms you can. Under these Circumstances an additional Quantity of Flour may possibly be obtained on Loan. We request your Answer to this immediately; if it does not suit you to continue any Time in the Execution of this Business, we cannot Doubt but we shall have your Assistance at this particular Time

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[Council to Dan'l Bowley, Esqr]

Sir. We wrote you by Mr Poe and are exceedingly anxious to know when we may expect the Vessels from Baltimore intended against the Enemy in our Bay, as we have given Governor Jefferson Reason to expect that they would be ready about this Time. We are afraid the Opportunity of doing any Thing effectual may be lost by a Delay

[Council to Colo Thomas Price]

Sir We request you to have all the Wheat procured by you, manufactured immediately and forwarded with the Flour received, with all Expedition to Baltimore and there delivered to Mr Thomas Donnellan. We are much in Want of the Hats and wish them to be sent either to this Place or Baltimore by the first safe Conveyance

Wednesday 6th September 1780

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Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Thomas Gassaway one hundred and Twenty seven Pounds, ten shillings due him ꝑ Acc^t passed by the Aud G^l

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That the said Treasurer pay to Daniel Wells, nine thousand Eight hundred and Twelve Pounds eight shillings and nine pence due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Giles Express from the Head of Elk one hundred Pounds to be charged to the Continent

That Benj[a] Cawood Esq[r] Collector of Charles County pay to Daniel Jenifer Purchasing Com[y] for said County ten thousand Pounds to be by him Accounted for.

That Dan[l] Jenifer Esq[r] Commissioner of Loans for Cha[s] County pay to Walter Hanson jun[r] Esq[r] Contractor for Horses for said County ten Hogsheads of Tobacco to be accounted for.

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Permission granted to Mess[rs] Margaret Chambers to go to New York for the Purpose of obtaining relief from a Cancerous appearance in her face

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[Council to Donaldson Yeates, Esqr.]

Sir We have received yours of the 3[d] Ins[t] and cannot detain the Bearer to send our Determination on the Subject of it, but shall write you in a few Days

[Council to Colo Henry Hollingsworth]

Sir Your several Letters by Express with the Enclosures we have received and have not Time to write you fully on the several Matters therein contained. We must have a receiving Commissary at the Head of Elk and wish you to continue in that Appointment so far as relates to this State. Whenever you receive any Provision from the State Commissioners, you will have it immediately delivered to the Continental Agent or Quartermaster at Elk

P. S. We enclose you the Papers required.

[Council to Colo. Alex. L. Smith]

Sir We wrote you by last Post informing you of your Appointment to the Command of the Regiment Extraordinary and requesting you would be here as soon as it was convenient. As all the Men excepting the Invalids, belonging to that Regiment have proceeded to join the Army under General Washington, if you proceed to the Northward immediately, it will save you an unnecessary Iourney to this Place. Many of the Officers appointed have not yet joined and we think your Presence exceedingly wanted.

Please to acknowlege the Receipt of this and your Acceptance of your Appointment. The Commissions will be forwarded in a few Days

[Council to Rich'd Dallam Esqr., & Baruch Williams & John Voorhees Esqr except the first Sentence] Liber C C No. 22

Sir We received yours of the 30th Ult° and are exceedingly concerned to find your principal indeed almost only Reliance for obtaining Supplies of Provision is on what you may receive for the 15£ Tax.

This State having fallen very considerably short, for the two last Months, of the Supplies, particularly flour, which were required and have been expected by Congress and the Committee of Co-operation it is incumbent on us to exert ourselves not only to make up that Deficiency immediately, but likewise to continue the Supplies for the Time to come. In this the Reputation of this State is deeply concerned as well as the general Interest of America at this particular Crisis: we must therefore again request your immediate and most diligent Attention to this Business. By Letters received from the Commissary General, the Committee of Co-operation and from his Excellency the Commander in Chief, a Dissolution of Part of the Army and other very disgraceful Consequences may be avoided, if we are enabled to inform the Commissary that he may expect considerable Supplies in a short Time. We are sensible Sir, in order to execute this Business to Effect you must be powerfully assisted; we shall therefore explain our Situation as fully as we can, by which you may, in some Measure, regulate your Conduct. The Assessment of Tobacco is to be collected in this Month & probably all of it will be in the Treasury by the Time limited, by the Law, a considerable Part before. This will enable us to raise a considerable Sum of Money and may be reckoned a certain Fund and we flatter ourselves the new Money, which is now printing under the Act of Assembly to enable the Treasurer of the Western Shore to draw and sell Bills of Exchange of the Western Shore to draw and sell Bills of Exchange &ca will in a great Measure, assist your Purchase. In Addition to this, we have Reason to expect the new Bills for this State down immediately from Congress, further Means may arise from them. We do not know any good Reason why the new Money should not circulate readily at 40 for 1, as the State is to receive it at the same Rate, at least we cannot doubt but some Part of the Purchase May be made with it. Under our present Difficulties and the absolute Necessity of supplying the Army immediately, we request you to procure the Flour on the best Terms you can. Pray let us have your Answer and continue to inform us of your Proceedings

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[Council to Messrs. Isaac & Abm. Van Bibber]

Gentn Your two Letters of the 4th & 6th Inst we this Day received and wish it was in our Power to furnish you with the Military Stores you require but we have not more than six 4 & 6# Cannon Our State

Liber C C No. 22 p. 172 Boats are engaged to proceed down the Bay against the Enemy immediately and we apprehend your Vessel will not be ready in Time to do any Thing effectual in Conjunction with the Force from this and Virginia. We still hope something will be done in Baltimore to assist in this Business but Dispatch is absolutely necessary If the Captains of the Vessels bound to sea call on us, we can give them some material Information and we wish they may be permitted, with Liberty to cooperate in the Bay, with some Force we have here and expect they will meet from Virginia

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Thursday 7th September 1780

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to James McCubbin Cł to the Senate five hundred Pounds due him ꝑ Acct passed by the Aud. Genl

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Colo Forrest shoes and Blankets suffi for the sick Soldiers in the Hospital.

That Mr John Shaw deliver to John Chalmers 1 Swivel & 20 rounds of Powder & Ball, 4 muskets & 25 rounds Cartridges for each. 1 Ammunition Chest & 6 Cutlasses to be delivered in good order unless taken by the Enemy or the Powder & Ball expended in this Expedition.

Commission of Letters of Marque & Reprisal issued to John Giffords Commr of the Brig Randolph 90 Tons burthen navigated by 28 men, mounting 8 Carriage Guns belonging to John Gwin & Compy of Baltimore.

September 8

Friday 8th September 1780

Present as on yesterday

Ordered That the Collector of Baltimore Town pay to James Calhoun Esqr Commissary of Purchases for Baltimore County Twenty thousand Pounds to be by him accd for

That Joshua Cockey one of the Collectors for Baltimore County pay to the said James Calhoun Ten thousand Pounds to be by him Accounted for.

That the Collector of the Patapsco Upper Hundred of Balto County pay to the said James Calhoun ten thousand Pounds to be Accounted for

That Samuel Godman pay to the said James Calhoun six thousand one hundred and twenty one Pounds, two shillings and nine Pence the Bala due the State for Sundries sold him.

That Mr John Shaw deliver to Capt. Robt Berry for the Plater 250 Musket Cartridges, 6 Muskets & 1 Speaking Trumpet and also

to Capt. William Middleton for the Dolphin 150 Musket Cartridges 6 Muskets 1 Quire Cartridges Paper and 1 speaking Trumpet. Liber C B No. 23

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Mrs Chase 2 yds Flannel to be paid for or returned.

That Capt George Keeports deliver to Lieut Luckett of the Regimt Extra 12 Blankets

That the Collectors of the Tax for Calvert County pay six thousand and fifty Pounds to Thomas Jones Contractor for Horses in said County to be accounted for.

That John Fenwick Collr of the Tax for St Marys County pay to Jos. Ford Contractor for Horses in said County five thousand Pounds to be accounted for.

That Cuthbert Abell Collr of the Tax for St. Mary's County pay to the said Joseph Ford five thousand Pounds to be Accounted for.

Frederick Green, Thomas Johnson jr John Callahan, Isaac McHard, Nicholas Harwood Joseph Cowman are appointed Signers of the Bills emitted in Virtue of the Act to enable the Treasurer of the western shore to draw and sell Bills of Exchange and for an Emission of Bills of Credit if necessary. p. 192

[Council to Timothy Pickering Esqr]

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Sir We received your Letter of the 5th Inst It gives us much Concern to be informed that the State has been so grossly imposed on by the Persons appointed to procure Horses on Account of the United States for the Army. We think with you, that it will be more for the Interest of the State to dispose of the Horses in Philadelphia, that have been rejected as unfit for Service, than to have them sent back, and do request you to inform Colo Saml Miles that we have appointed him to sell them immediately and to transmit an Account of the Age, Marks, Colours & Defects of each Horse and the Price obtained for each, that we may endeavour to detect the Persons who have committed the Impositions and compel them to answer for their Conduct and to indemnify the State for the Loss that is likely to be sustained thereby. We have sent under the Care of Lieut Lucket, twenty seven Horses which have been examined by Mr Bullen and adjudged to be fit for Service. The Money arising from the Sale of the rejected Horses, Colo Miles must pay to the Delegates of this State.

[Council to Delegates in Congress]

Gent We have just Time to inform you that we have began to emit the new Money from a Plate which we found would answer, and request you to direct the Workmen not to make the Plates.

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[Council to Wm. Smith, Esqr.]

Sir We received your Letter of the 7th Inst and are much obliged by your Offer to lend the State a considerable Quantity of Ship Bread and what Flour you have on Hand but cannot determine to accept the Bread until we are informed by the Continental Commissary, that it will suit the Army, and will be taken in Lieu of Flour, nor unless you will extend the Time mentioned for replacing it; because we are of Opinion we cannot comply with an Engagement to return it in so short a Time. If Mr Donnellan should, on Inspection, think your Flour fit for the Army, we will take it; but request you, if possible to allow us a longer Time to replace it. We think the Flour returned by the Commissioners ought to be of as good Quality as that seized, and if such is offered, we apprehend it cannot be refused

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Saturday 9th September 1780

Present as on yesterday

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Robert Davis four hundred and Fifty Pounds due him ꝑ Acct passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Joseph Ford one hundred & fifty Pounds on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to John Bryan one Pound seventeen shillings and six Pence in the Bills emitted by this State in lieu of seventy five Pounds due him ꝑ Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Danl of St Thomas Jenifer Esquire three hundred Dollars of the new Emission of this State on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Smoot one hundred Dollars of the new Emission on Account.

That the Collector of the Tax for Dorchester County pay to John Smoot Esqr one hundred and nine Pounds, eight shillings & four Pence due him ꝑ Acct passed by the Aud. Genl

That John Crisall Deliver to Berry & Middleton 400 ℔s Meat and 500 ℔s Bread & flour.

Commissions of Letters of Marque and Reprisal issued to Gilbert La Roche Commander of the schooner Young Neptune 95 Tons burthen, navigated by 30 Men, mounting 10 Carriage Guns & 6 swivels belonging to Messrs Lacaze & Mallet of Philadela also to Joseph Audett Commander of the Schooner Resource 80 Tons burthen navigated by 24 Men, mounting 12 Carriage Guns and 8 Swivels belonging to Dumestre of Baltimore and also to Bicket Falcon commander of the Schooner Henry 40 Tons burthen, navigated by 12 Men mounting 3 Carriage Guns & 2 Howitz's belongg to Jno Smoot & Thos Russell Maryld

By his Exc^y Thos Sim Lee Esqr Governor of Maryland. Liber C B No. 23
A Proclamation

Whereas full Power and authority is given to me by and with the Advice of the Council to continue the " Act entitled an Act to prohibit for a limited time the Exportation of Wheat, Flour, Rye, Indian Corn, Rice, Bread, Beef, Pork, Bacon, Live Stock Peas Beans Oats and other victual and for other Purposes, from and after the tenth Day of this Instant until the end of the next Session of the General Assembly and to issue my Proclamation accordingly; Provided the Embargo be continued in the States of Pennsylvania and Delaware. so that the Trade of Delaware Bay be not open for the Emolument of the People residing on the Waters or in the Vicinity thereof And it appearing that the Embargo hath been Continued in the State of Pennsylvania until the Thirtieth Day of this Month and in the State of Delaware until the twentieth Day of October next I do therefore p. 193 by and with the Advice of the Council hereby continue the said Act until the last Day of this Month.

Given at Annapolis this 9th Day of Septem^r 1780
By his Exc^y's Command T. Johnson J^r Sec^ry T. S. Lee

[Council to Patrick Sim Smith Esqr.] Liber C C No. 22

Sir We have received yours of the 7th Ins^t and request you would p. 173 have all the Produce of the Wheat packed into Barrels excepting the Shorts and Bran

[Council to Capt. Barron]

Sir We have sent down our State Boats, with Directions to render what Service they can, in clearing the Bay of the Enemy in Conjunction with your Force. The Assistance we expected from Baltimore is prevented by some Intelligence received there from the West Indies, which delays the Departure of the Vessels who were to have Acted some Time, in the Bay with our joint Force.

[Council to James Horner Esqr. Shrff of Harford County]

Sir Mr Jno Lee Webster hath represented to us, that previous to the Sitting of Harford County November Court, the extraordinary Conduct and menacing Expressions of Thomas Hall of said County indicating an Intention to deprive him of his Life, or to commit some very outrageous Violence on his Person, induced him to apply to a Magistrate for a Warrant to apprehend the said Hall, that he might be compelled to give Security for his good Behaviour and to keep the Peace towards the said Webster; That a Warrant was obtained and executed by a Constable and Hall recognized for his Appearance at Harford County November Court last and to keep p. 174 the Peace in the Mean Time; that Hall did not appear and attend

Liber C C No. 22 agreeable to the Tenor of his Recognizance; that the said Webster, during the Time Hall was bound for his bood Behaviour, received fresh Instances of his malignant and implacable Disposition and applied to the Court to have him bound in a larger Sum of Money; that the Court issued their Warrant to the Sheriff to apprehend the said Hall and bring him into that Court to answer the Complaint exhibited against him by the said Webster that the Sheriff has made several Attempts to take the said Hall but was deterred by the Threats and Resistance made by him who goes constantly armed with Pistols and a heavy Cudgel, to oppose the Sheriff in the Execution of his Office, and forbids him to make an Arrest. We esteem it our indispensable Duty to preserve the Peace and Tranquility of the State and to protect every Individual in the full and unrestrained Enjoyment of his Rights and Priveleges and to prevent by all lawful Ways and Means the Perpetration of any unlawful Act and to bring to condign Punishment all refractory Persons that have been daring enough, not only to violate the Law but to stand in Opposition to the Authority of Government. The above Relation of Facts, with such Opinion of our Duty have made us resolve to inform you, that you and your Deputies ought to use your utmost Endeavours to apprehend the said Thomas Hall, and if he still should resist, you ought to summon the Posse Comitatus or Body of the County to assist you in taking him and carrying him before some Iustice of the Peace; every Person you summon is compellable to serve and you ought not to admit any Excuse, and if he should refuse you ought to present him to the Grand Jury. It is necessary you should execute your Precept immediately, because if you should delay it and any Mischief or Evil should result from your Negligence, it will be justly imputable to you

[Council to Capts. Berry & Middleton]

Sir As Col° Haddaway of Talbot County engaged to man our Boats with a Number of Voluntiers in order to assist in clearing the Bay of the Enemy, you are to proceed with the Boats to the most convenient Place for taking in Col. Haddaway and his Men, and then to proceed down the Bay as low as the Tangiers or the sound, taking Care to procure what Intelligence you can of the Force of the Enemy and to act accordingly: an Extract from Governor Jefferson's Letter with the Signals agreed on are enclosed for your Government you are to give Notice to the Lieutenant of the County where you may be that you will be ready to convoy any Provisions they may be sending up the Bay, as soon as you find it will be proper to return

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Present as on Saturday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Dorothy Errington one hundred and six Pounds due him ꝑ Acc^{t} passed by the Dep^{y} Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Frederick Green Thirty six Pounds, five shillings and five Pence of the new Emission in lieu of one thousand four hundred and fifty Pounds, five shillings due him ꝑ Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Col^{o} Philip Feddeman five hundred Pounds of the Emission to be delivered over to Col^{o} James Hindman Commissary for Talbot County on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to the said Philip Fiddeman Two hundred Pounds of the new Emission to be delivered over to Charles Blake Esqr Com^{y} of Purchases for Queen Anns County on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Crisall one thousand Pounds on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Rawlings one hundred and fifty Pounds due him ꝑ Acc^{t} passed by the D. Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Jonathan Parker Two hundred and fifty Pounds of the new Emission of this State to be delivered over to James Calhoun Esqr Commissary for Baltimore County on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to Jonathan Parker Three Pounds fifteen Shillings of the said new Emission on Account

That the Eastern shore Treasurer pay to Philip Fiddeman Contractor for Horses in Queen Anns County six thousand four hundred Pounds on Account

William Wilkins, Nicholas Harwood, John Callahan, Frederick Green, Isaac McHard & Thomas Johnson J^{r} appointed Signers of the New Bills of Credit emitted by Congress and under the "Act for Sinking the Quota required by Congress of this State of the Bills of Credit emitted by Congress"

Commission of Letters of Marque & Reprisal issued to Peter Sharpe Commander of the Schooner Luzerne 80 Tons burthen navigated by 17 Men, mounting 6 Carriage Guns belonging to John McLure & Joseph Yeates of Balt^{o} and also to Jonathan Buffington Comm^{r} of the Brig Rambler 80 Tons burthen navigated by 25 men, mounting 10 Carriage Guns belonging to William Patterson & brothers of Baltimore

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[Council to James Calhoun Esqr.]

Sir We send you by the Bearer Jonathan Parker 250 £ in new Money at 40 for 1 to 10,000 £. Pray let us know what has been done about Mr Smith's Flour and your Prospect of Purchasing.

Since writing the above, we have received yours of the 10th Our Proclamation continuing the Embargo, which Ionathan Parker carries up, will prevent any Interference between you and Mr Mathews and every other Person, as none of the prohibited articles can be exported without Permission. If we find we can, without Detriment to the State, give Licence to the Bank to export Flour, upon Application from them, we shall do it in such a Manner as will prevent the numerous Evils that would certainly result from a Competition beween our State's Purchasers and others. If Mr Smith will permit us to take such of the Flour as is good, we request Mr Donnellan to receive it as before directed.

[Council to Jeremiah Jordan Esqr.]

Sir We received yours of the 20th Ulto and are sorry to find you have on Hand so large a Quantity of Corn damaged, particularly at a Time when Provision is so extremely wanted for the Army. If it is in such a Condition that you could obtain new Corn for it in the Fall, it still may be proper to answer for the Army; if so, we request you to forward it and any other you have on Hand. Should any remain, in your Opinion, so much damaged as not to be proper to
p. 176 forward, we think it would be best to have it sold immediately. We request you to let us know whether you received our Letter of the 21st Augt & what you have done in Consequence of it and that you send to the Treasury immediately, whatever you have received.

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Tuesday 12 September 1780

Present as on yesterday

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Solo Stympson Sixty two Pounds ten shillings of the New Emission of this State on Account.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut. John Chever of the late Capt Gales Compy of Artillery Linen for 2 Shirts and Cloth for a waistcoat & Breeches and also 1 pr shoes and Stockings to be Accounted for.

That the Collector of the Tax for Montgomery County pay to Colo Solomon Stympson Contractor for Waggons and Teams in said County Twelve thousand Pounds to be Accounted

That the issuing Commissary deliver to Capt. William Beatty of the 7th Regt 8 Gallons of Rum 32 ℔s Sugar & 18 ℔s Coffee in full of

those Articles all^{d} by the Genl Assembly for May, June, July and August. Liber C B No. 23

Permission is hereby given to Dorothy Hedrington and Saml Stanning of this State to solicit Leave from His Excellency Genl Washington or the Commanding Off^{r} at the Out Posts of the American Army at Elizabeth Town to go to New York for the Purpose of obtaining a Passage from thence to Great Britain not to return again into this State during the present war, without the Leave of the Govr & Council.

Pardon granted to Negro Jack Slave of Samuel Daw, convicted in Calvert County Court for House Breaking.

[Council to Solomon Stympson] Liber C C No. 22 p. 176

Sir You will call on the People mentioned below for the Corn which they are deficient by your Certificates and oblige them either to deliver the Corn, or pay the Price of what you gave for it with the Interest thereon, or take Wheat agreeable to the Prices given by the Commissary of Purchases for Montgomery County to be delivered to him at Such Place as he shall direct

Wm Hough 44½ Bush^{ls} John Harwood 6 Saml Offut 2¼
Jno Gillum 3. Henry O Neil 27 Josias Miles 10. Geo.
Beall 3^{d} 50 142¾ Bush^{ls}

[Council to Colo. James Hindman]

Sir We received yours of the 6th Ins^{t} When we gave Directions to the Lieu^{t} of the County to receive Wheat from those who otherwise could not pay their Proportion of the 15 ℘ C^{t} we little expected that a Measure tending so much to the Ease of the People would have met with any obstruction, much less that the Power of the Lieu^{t} of the County, to issue his Warrant to execute those who neglected to pay, would be disputed, particularly in a County which has not raised a Man of their Quota for the new Regiment & filling up our Battalions. We are of Opinion that it was the Intention of the General Assembly, that the Horses furnished by the Non-jurors should be construed a Part of the Number required from each County. Enclosed we send you five hundred of the new Money amounting to twenty thousand Pounds at 40 for 1, and request you to forward, with all possible Dispatch, all the Provision you obtain. The Cattle as well as Flour are extremely wanted at Camp and, as soon as you have made up a sufficient Number to send in a Drove it will be proper to hire Persons to drive them, to be delivered to Col^{o} Hollingsworth at the Head of Elk. It will not be proper to issue any more Certificates

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[Council to Colo. Joseph Dashiell]

Sir Yours of the 10th Inst we have this Day received and are sorry to observe that there should be any Interference so as to injure your Purchase of Pork. We are happy to find you have engaged a Number of Cattle which, as well as the other Kind of Provision, is much wanted in our Army; we therefore request you to have them drove to the Head of Elk as soon as possible and have all the other Provision transported to that Place and delivered to Colo Henry Hollingsworth. We do not think you ought to give a higher Price for Pork than our former Limitation. We enclose you an Order on Colo George Dashiell for £10,000 agreeable to your Request and send you £250 of the new Bills of Credit, equal to £10,000 which you are to pass at 40 for 1 and in no other Manner and you are not to give a superior Price in this Money (calculating at that Rate) to what you allow in Continental Money. With these Sums, we think you will be easy and that they will very much accelerate your Purchases. As the New Money will answer all the Purposes of Certificates in Payment for Cattle, we do not think it will be necessary for you to issue any. We think that any Provision which you are directed to purchase ought to be taken in Payment for the 15 ꝑ Ct due from those Classes who have not furnished a Recruit. We wish you to forward the Corn without Delay and as you will be best informed of the Situation of the Enemy's Vessels in the Bay, we must rely on your Discretion in this Business, to chuse a proper Time to send it to the Head of Elk to be delivered to Colo Hollingsworth. Our armed Boats were sent down the Bay against the Enemy's Vessels, before we received yours and think they may answer the Purpose for which you require them.

Same order as to Genl Hooper, respecting Whaland of the 13th Inst enclosed, with respect to I. Betsworth, Thos Price & an Englishman called Jack.

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Wednesday 13th September 1780

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Thomas Price Two hundred and fifty Pounds of the new Emission of the State to be delivered over to Colo Joseph Dashiell Commissary for Worcester County and to be by him Accounted for.

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Price Eighty seven Pounds ten shillings due him ꝑ Acct passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Thomas Lansdale Twenty five Pounds Eleven shillings and nine Pounds, fourteen shillings and Eleven Pence farthing of the new Emission due him ꝑ Accts passed by the D. Aud.

That Col° George Dashiell pay to Col° Joseph Dashiell Commissary for Worcester County Ten thousand Pounds out of the money received from the Classes who have not furnished Substitutes on Account. Liber C B No. 23

Whereas Job Greene of Baltimore County did on the 27th day of Decr 1777 enter into Bond with Securities in the Penal Sum of Two thousand Pounds payable to the State of Maryland with Condition that he the said Job Greene should in all things demean and behave himself as a good true and faithful Subject of the State and that he should not go out of Baltimore County without the leave of the Governor and Council of this State first obtained in writing. And whereas it does not appear to this Board that the said Job Greene's leaving the said County will be of any prejudice to the State the said Job Greene is hereby permitted to Leave Baltimore County at his pleasure notwithstanding the Condition of the above mentioned Bond.

Sir. It appearing to us from the Depositions of Val Peyton and Simeon Lombard taken in Council the second of this Instant, Copies of which we have enclosed that Joseph Whaland who lives on Garden Island is a Person whose going at Large we deem dangerous to the State, and this and the neighbouring State of Virginia being at this Time invaded by Privateers and Cruisers of the Enemy we do therefore hereby authorize, require and Command you to arrest the said Joseph Whaland and him have before us immediately.

To Henry Hooper Esqr Lieut of Dor. County

A Copy of the above order sent to Col° George Dashiell of Somerset County to apprehend I. Betsworth, Thomas Price and an Englishman called Jack.

[Council to His Excy Govr. Jefferson.] Liber C C No. 22 p. 178

Sir We have received Information that a certain James Anderson, a Subject of this State, was captured in one of the Barges or Gallies which have, for some Time past, infested our Bay and interrupted our Trade, by Capts Yellott & Folger and carried into the the State of Virginia, and is now confined at Richmond. Anderson, before and since our Governmt was formed, lived on Fell's Point in Baltimore Town, took the Oath of Allegiance and Fidelity to the State prescribed by Law, was appointed and commissioned a Lieutenant in one of our Gallies, and from his Activity and apparent Zeal, was always reputed a Friend to America and entrusted with the Command of a Vessel owned by some Gentlemen in Baltimore which he carried to New York; he is well acquainted with our Bay and has committed great Depredations on the Property of our Inhabitants. The above Recapitulation of Facts renders it unnecessary to suggest

Liber C C No. 22 to your Excellency that the said Anderson cannot be deemed a Prisoner of War and exchangeable, though he may hold a Commission from the Enemy and was taken in one of their Vessels, because he was a Subject of this State, took the Oath of Allegiance as such, and no subsequent Act by him can dissolve the Obligation he was under to the State, and therefore was, at the Time he received his Commission and must now be considered a Subject of this State and amenable to its Laws for any Offence committed against the Peace and Government thereof. We do charge the said Anderson with High Treason against the State and solicit you to cause him to be sent to us, under a Sufficient Guard in Order to take his Trial at our General Court, which will be held on the second Tuesday in October next and to transmit what Testimony you may have against him. We shall take Care that every Expence incurred thereby shall be reimbursed, as soon as it is ascertained.

[Council Colo. George Dashiell]

Sir. We received yours, without Date. It was our Intention the Militia should have been kept only in Readiness to give Assistance to the Force we intended sending down, and not on public Expense until then. Our Boats are, we suppose, now, some where near you; if they should have Occasion for any Aid, we expect you will render all in your Power, and discharge the Militia immediately when the service is done: any Provision that may be wanting for that Purpose, may be properly drawn from the Commissary. We have sent Col° Joseph Dashiell an Order on you for 10,000 £

☞Same Order as to Jos. Dashill on the 12 Ins^t enclosed

[Council to Charles Blake Esqr.]

p. 179 Sir Yours of the 9th Ins^t came to Hand. Col° Fiddeman received from us a few Days ago £ 200 in the new Bills amounting at 40 for 1, to 8000 £ which he promised to deliver to you and we hope to hear soon that you have Occasion for a further Sum of it, which shall be sent over on Notice. Unless the Owner of the 1500 Bushels of Wheat you mention, will agree to receive at least, a considerable Part of this Money in Payment, we are apprehensive you will be under Difficulties in agreeing with him: in order to enable you to do this, if possible, or at least to carry on your other Purchases, we have wrote to Col° Hemsly, to which we refer you.

[Council to Wm. Hemsley Esqr.]

Sir Mr Charles Blake informs us that he has a Prospect of obtaining a considerable Quantity of Wheat on reasonable Terms, if he can be supplied with Cash, and requests an Order on you for what Money you have on Hand, or may receive for the 15 ꝑ Cent. We therefore desire you will supply him with what you have.

Thursday 14 September 1780

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Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to John Smith one hundred and fifty Pounds of the new Emission of this State to be delivered over to Richard Dallam Esqr Commissary of Purchases for Harford County to be Accounted for.

[Council to Richard Dallam Esqr.]

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Sir When we sent you Tobacco, we thought it reasonable to expect you would readily get it off your Hands, at the Price limited, as every Person will have to pay Tobacco to the Public within this Month or afterwards Money at the Rate of 90 £ ꝑ C^{t} If you cannot make it answer agreeable to our former Instructions, please to send it to us. We have no Return made by Mr Wheeler, of the Teams procured by him nor indeed any Specie in the Treasury, therefore cannot pay Mr Wheeler's Order. We send by Mr Smith £150 of the new Bills amounting to six thousand Pounds at 40 for 1 which we hope you will be able to pass at that Rate, and on Notice that you have Occasion for a further Sum, we will forward it to you have Occasion for a further Sum, we will forward it to you

Friday 15th September 1780

September 15 Liber C B No. 23 p. 195

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That Thomas Johns Commissioner of Loans for Montgomery County pay to Thomas Richardson Commissary of Purchases for said County all the Money and Tobacco which he may have received as Commissioner aforesaid to be by him Accounted for.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Richard Welsh Thirty seven Pounds ten shillings due him ꝑ Acc^{t} passed by the Dep^{y} Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Col^{o} James Tootell on hundred and thirty one Pounds, fifteen shillings of the new Emission of this State to be delivered over to Russell and Gilmore in lieu of five thousand Two hundred and seventy Pounds, the Balance of J. Randall's Order of the 18th May last

Commissions of Letters of Marque & Reprisal Issued to Luke Kiersted Commander of the Brig Fair American, 90 Tons burthen, navigated by 26 Men mount^{g} 8 Carriage Guns, belonging to Saml & Robert Purviance of Baltimore and also to Robert Montgomery Commander of the Schooner Holker 80 Tons burthen navigated by 14 men, mounting 6 Carriage Guns and 4 Swivels belonging to Ridley & Pringle and Company of Baltimore Town

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[Council to His Excy Genl Washington]

Sir We were this Day honored with your Excellency's Letter of the 6th Instt The Regiment lately raised by this State, is at Philadelphia, where it has been some Days past, under the Command of Major Giles, who has the Orders of the Board of War for necessary Cloathing. When the Articles are procured, which the Major is extremely desirous of effecting, and which, he writes, he shall certainly accomplish very shortly the Regiment shall be marched with
p. 180 the utmost Expedition to reinforce the southern Army, agreeably to your Excellency's Orders. We beg your Excellency to be assured that every Thing shall be done on our Part to give Efficacy to your Order and facilitate the March of the Troops to the Place of Destination

[Council to Thos. Beall of Geo.]

Sir. We request you to forward to the Head of Elk, all the Flour & Corn you have on Hand, reserving about 300 Bushels of the Latter. As Mr Richardson will have Occasion to forward Flour, we recommend it to you to consult with him and to embrace the first opportunity, when you have Reason to think the Navigation is safe. When there is an Opportunity, we shall forward you a Sum of the new Money. If you cannot discharge your old Debts with it, we hope you will make it answer in your future Transactions and we will supply you with other Money when it is in our Power, for what is already done.

[Council to Messrs. Smith & Matthews Balto.]

Gent At the last Session of Assembly, so much of the Act to prohibit for a limited Time, the Exportation of Provisions, was repealed as prohibited the Exportation of any of the Articles enumerated in the said Act by Land. We apprehend there is no Necessity for giving you the desired Permission, as there is Nothing in the existing Law which restrains you from exporting Flour to Philadelphia by Land. We flatter ourselves you will conduct yourselves in the Execution of this Business, with the Degree of Caution and Discretion which is necessary to prevent a Competition with other public Purchasers of Flour

[Council to Thomas Richardson Esqr]

In Council Annapolis 15th Septr 1780

Sir We enclosed you an Order on Mr Johns for what Money & Tobacco he has received as a Commissioner of Loans, & will forward by the first Opportunity, some of the new Money. The pressing Demands for Provision for the Army require that what is procured be forwarded as soon as you have Reason to believe the Navigation

of the Bay is safe. Our Boats are now down among the Tangier Islands, and a considerable Fleet of Merchantmen have lately gone down from Baltimore Liber C C No. 22

[Council to William Baily Junr Esqr.] p. 181

Sir Yours of the 8th Instant was received this Day. We have given Mr Richardson an Order on Mr Thos Johns for all the Money and Tobacco which he has received on Loan, by which Mr Richardson by receiving Provision for the Amount of your Subscription, [may] settle the Matter with both you and Mr Johns.

Saturday 16 September 1780 Liber C B No. 23 September 16

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Athanasius Ford three thousand five hundred Pounds to be delivered over to Joseph Ford Contractor for Horses in Saint Mary's County. p. 195

That the said Treasurer pay to William Goldsmith Two Pounds, twelve shillings and four Pence half Penny of the new Emission of this State due him ꝑ Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Colo James Hindman one thousand five hundred Pounds of the new Emission of this State on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to Colo J. Hindman five hundred pounds of the new Emission of this State to be delivered over to John C. Harrison Comry of Dorchester County on Account.

Ordered That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Eliza Hopkins a soldiers wife 4 days Rations to enable her to proceed to Charles County p. 196

That the Collector of the Tax for Talbot County pay to Colo James Hindman Commissary of Purchases in said County Twenty thousand Pounds of Tobacco on Acct

That The western shore Treasurer pay to James Hindman 10 hhds of Tobacco on account.

That the said Treasurer pay to George Poe two hundred and fifty Pounds of the new Emission to be delivered over to David Poe on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to George Poe three hundred Pounds to be delivered over to Thomas Donnellan Commissary at Balto Town on Account

[Council to Messrs Richardson & Beall] Liber C C No. 22 p. 181

Gentn Notwithstanding our Letters of yesterday to you, we have now to desire you will not forward any Provision, until you receive our further Directions.

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[Council to Mr. Thos Donellan]

Sir Please to send us a Return of what Provision you have forwarded since your last. Whatever you may receive from this Time, must be stored and detained, until you have further Orders from us, excepting what you deliver to Mr W. Smith, agreeable to our former Instructions. We hope Mr Calhoun will be able to deliver you some Salt Meat at least to answer the Purpose you mention.

[Council to James Calhoun Esqr]

Sir We have just received Letters which make it proper that the Provision you procure should be stored and detained in Baltimore, until our further Order. Mr Donellan requests to be furnished with some Salt Meat, we hope you will be able to supply him.

[Council to Majr John Stewart]

Sir We received your Favor of the 13th Inst The Arrival of a Flag of Truce in Baltimore from New Providence, has not been regularly announced to us, nor have we any Information of it that could be depended on, but what has been imparted by you. We approve of your Conduct in taking proper Precautions to prevent the Evils that might arise from a free and unrestrained Communication between Mr Master & his Acquaintances. As Mr Master has Prisoners on Board to be exchanged, we are desirous of being particularly informed how he obtained Leave to bring them to this State, by whom the Flag was granted, and of every other Matter that relates to it, and therefore give Leave to Mr Master and the American
p. 182 Captains on Board to come here by Land or, if it should be more agreeable they may come down in the Flag. You will communicate this to Mr Master & the Captains

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Monday 18th September 1780

Present as on Saturday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to the Honble George Plater Esqr thirty seven Pounds ten shillings of the new Emission of this State on Acct

That the said Treasurer pay to Timothy Brannon of the 6th Regiment Twenty Pounds in lieu of Articles allowed him by the General Assembly.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt Boyer sixty Pounds and five Pence of the new Emission of this State in lieu of two thousand four hundred Pounds, seventeen shillings and one Penny half Penny to be delivered over to Abraham Faw due him ꝑ Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Harwood Esqr Continental Treasurer or order Twelve thousand two hundred and sixty three Dollars and one third of a Dollar of the new Bills emitted by this State in lieu of four hundred and ninety thousand five hundred and thirty three Dollars and one third of a Dollar of the Continental Bills of Credit part of the Quota of this State for the use of the United States. Liber C B No. 23

Commissions issued to Thomas Long app^{d} Ens. of Capt John Stoners Comp^{y} John Due Carey Capt in the room of Peter Grosh, John Shellman 1 Lieut & Richd Waters 2 Lt Gray Harding Capt in the room of Peter Keepheart, John Compton 1 Lieut John Johnson 2^{d} Lieut & Thomas Hill Ens. belonging to the Fred Town Battalion of Mil^{a} Fred. County.

Tuesday 19th September 1780 September 19

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Thomas Richardson Commissary for Montgomery County one thousand five hundred Pounds of the new Emission of this State to be accounted for.

That the said Treasurer pay to Thos Beall of Geo. Two hundred & fifty Pounds of the said new Emission on Account.

That John Bullen Esquire deliver to Col^{o} Forrest's Order five good Horses.

That the Collector of the Tax for Montgomery County pay to Thomas Richardson Esquire Commissary of Purchases for said County Twelve thousand Pounds of Tobacco on Account.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to the following Officers of the German Regiment viz. Col^{o} Ludowick Weltner, Capt^{s} Michael Boyer, Charles Baltzel Christian Myers Lieut^{s} Martin Shugars, Jacob Grometh & David Morgan Ens. Jacob Raypold and Alex Smith Surgeons Mate, each one thousand one hundred and forty nine Pounds, fifteen shillings in lieu of the Articles of Stores allowed by the Genl Assembly from the 1st January 1780 to the 1st of October next. p. 197

[Council to John Sterrett Esqr] Liber C C No. 22 p. 182

Sir Commander Barron from the State of Virginia, is just arrived here, in Expectation of being joined by some Vessels of Force (according to the Information communicated to Govr Jefferson, in Consequence of the Engagement of Mr Steward on Behalf of the Merchants of Baltimore Town) to cooperate with him in capturing & expelling from our Bay, the Privateers & Cruisers of the Enemy which, you are sensible, have not only injured the Traders of this

Liber C C No. 22 State, by interrupting the Commerce, but committed considerable depredations on the Property of the Inhabitants. Upon this Occasion, we are very anxious to render the Commodore every Assistance in our Power, as well to effect the desirable Purpose of driving the enemy from our Bay, as to comply with our Engagement, as far as possible, to the Governor of Virginia. The Commodore has brought up the Barge in which Anderson was taken, and thinks, if she was properly fitted, she would be very serviceable and, in Conjunction with the State Boats, be sufficient to attack the Enemy's Barges & Whale Boats, and that the Barge would be particularly useful in expelling them from the Creeks & other Places of Concealment. If you will lend us the Barge to go on this Expedition, we will have her manned & properly equipped and will make you a proper Compensation (if any should be required) for the Use and will, in Case she should be captured or sustain any Damage, pay you her present Value, to be ascertained by proper Iudges, or repair the Damage

[Council to Capt Geo P. Keeports]

Sir. We have transmitted you, by Capt Boyer £ 60. of the new Emission of this State, with which we request you to purchase the several Articles enumerated below and deliver them to Capt Boyer. You will not give a higher Price in this Money than in Continental Dollars, calculating one of these Dollars to be equal to forty 216^{lb} Brown Sugar @ 60ss. 13½^{lb} Bohea Tea @ 37..10..0 121½^{lb} Coffee @ 4..10..0, 27^{lb} Soap @ 75s., 27^{lb} of Tobacco manufactured for Officers @ 50 s. 78^{lb} Tob^{o} common for Soldiers.

[Council to Delegates in Congress]

Gent^{n} By a Letter received this Day from Genl Gates, we are advised that, in Virtue of a Resolve of Congress, authorizing him to call upon this State for Supplies for the Southern Army, he had drawn in Favor of several Gentleman for very large Sums. One of those Draughts for 320,000 Dollars has been presented for Payment. Our Treasury is empty, but were it otherwise, we should be under some Difficulty as to the Propriety of paying it, having not been officially informed that Congress had vested the General with such extraordinary Powers, nor indeed have we any other Information of it than what is communicated by the General's Letter of this Day and the Draught of the Deputy P. M. General for the Southern Department, which Draught concludes in these Words "Agreable to Resolve of Congress of the 17th June last." We have no Doubt but the Powers exercised by Genl Gates were delegated to him and as we cannot find any Mention made of it in the Journals of Congress esteemed improper for Publication. We beg you will give us such Information on this Head as you judge prudent and necessary for our Iustification

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Present as on yesterday

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. Michl Boyer four Pounds, Eighteen shillings & Eight Pence half Penny in Specie in lieu of the three hundred and forty three Pounds, five shillings due him ꝑ acct passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Michael Boyer sixty Pounds of the New Emission of this State to be delivered over to Capt Geo Keeports on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to Athanasius Ford five hundred Pounds of the New Emission of this State to be delivered over to Joseph Ford Comy for St Marys County on Acct

Capt. Michael Boyer of the German Regimt is hereby appointed to issue the Articles allowed to the Officers and Soldiers of the said Regimt agreeably to the Act of Assembly.

This Board have agreed with Mathew Ridley Esqr for 8 or 9 hhds of good Rum at 27-10-0 ꝑ Gall. 2000 Galls Taffier @ 18.15.0 ꝑ Gall and 1000℔ of Coffee @ £ 3.15.0 ꝑ ℔ to be paid in the new Emission of this State at 1 for 40. [Tafia is a cheap kind of rum]

[Council to Col. Lodowick Weltner]

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Sir Yours of the 10th of August was received and we are really sorry for the Sufferings of you and your Regiment and wish it had been in our Power to have given them immediate and ample Relief; but, such has been our Situation with Respect to Money, that we have not been able to gratify our Inclinations by supplying you with the Stores &ca ordered by the General Assembly. We have given Capt Boyer Orders on the Treasury for all the Stores due the several Officers of your Regiment, from Maryland, to the first Day of October next, and have furnished him with Stores Sufficient to the first Day of January next: as soon as it is in our Reach they shall be supplied with the necessary Cloathing. We have appointed Capt Boyer to issue these Articles, which he is to account for. As there is more Rum sent forward than will be sufficient for the Officers, Capt Boyer has Directions to issue it, on your Order, to the Soldiers in the Proportion ordered by the Assembly

[Council to Joseph Ford Esqr.]

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Sir. We received yours o fthe 14th Inst and send by your Brother £500 in new Bills. We do not know on what you have founded your Opinion that the Commissioners will not allow the Collector to receive the Money for Taxes, or that they have any Power to direct what Money shall or shall not be received. The Law for sinking our Proportion of the Continental Bills of Credit, makes the new Bills

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a Tender for Taxes at 40 for 1. and the State Money, we apprehend, is to be received under the same Regulation. This will be, in our Opinion, agreeable to the Intention of the General Assembly, & the Treasurer, if there should be any Doubt with him, will have our Directions to receive it at that Rate. No Certificates should be given obligatory on the State to discharge them in Continental Bills of Credit. We enclose three Certificates amounting to 3500 £, having given an Order in your Favor for that Sum to Mr Athanasius Ford

[Council to Mr. Thos. Donellan]

Sir We have purchased of Mr Ridley, nine Hogsheads of Rum and one thousand Pounds of Coffee, which we request you to receive and have Stored, until further Directions from us. We also request you to receive 2000 Gallons of Taffr purchased of the same Gentleman.

[Council to Capt. Geo. Keeports]

Sir Since writing you this Morning we have purchased a Quantity of Coffee, which is to be delivered to Mr Thomas Donnellan, on whom you are to call for the Quantity ordered to be purchased and delivered to Capt Boyer.

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Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John Brice Esqr Twelve Pounds ten shillings of the new Emission of this State on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to John Muir four hundred Pounds of the new Emission of this State on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to the said John Muir Two hundred and thirty Eight Pounds fifteen shillings for Shirts & Overalls made for Contl Troops under the Command of Capt. William Reily ꝑ accts passed.

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[Council to Mr Thos Donellan]

Sir We informed you yesterday of a Purchase of Goods we had made of Mr Ridley, which were to be delivered to you. We request you to have them all sent down by the most convenient Opportunity, to this Place, except one Hogshead of Rum & 121½# Coffee, to be delivered to Capt Keeports, together with the Hats sent from Frederick by Colo Price and the Blankets & Oznabrigs in the Possession of Mr Keeports. We expect Mr Muir will purchase a Number of
p. 185 Blankets which you will send down immediately with the other Things mentioned. We think it most adviseable to have the damaged Flour baked into Ship Biscuit by mixing with it some of the Ship

Stuff, so as to make it fit for Use, to prevent farther Loss. We request you to be particularly attentive to the Rum, and before you receive it, to examine the Quality, as it was sold to us for what was esteemed good, and, as many Tricks are played, both in the West Indies and on the Passage with this Article, this Precaution we think necessary. Liber C C No. 22

[Council to Capt. Geo. P. Keeports]

Sir We wrote you yesterday by Capt Boyer and by the same Hand transmitted you 60 £ of the new State Bills of Credit for the Purpose of procuring the Articles therein mentioned. Since then we have purchased a Quantity of Coffee which is to be delivered to Mr Thomas Donnellan, on whom you will call for one Hogshead of Rum and the Quantity of Coffee ordered to be purchased by you these with the other articles, as soon as purchased, you will deliver to Capt. Boyer, taking his Receipt for them. We request you to send down all the Blankets, Cloth and Linen in your Possession, to this Place; by applying to Mr Donnellan he will give you Information when there will be a convenient Conveyance.

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Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Thomas Giles Two hundred and fifty Pounds of the new Emission of this State to be delivered over to Colo Henry Hollingsworth on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to His Excelly Thomas Sim Lee Esqr sixty Two Pounds ten shillings of the new Emission of this State in lieu of an Order of the 25th of July for Two thousand five hundred Pounds.

That the Collector of the Tax for Cecil County pay to Colo Henry Hollingsworth Eight thousand Pounds on Account.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. B. Maybury 170 Rations in flour in part due him from the State.

[Council to Delegates in Congress] Liber C C No. 22 p. 185

Gentn We beg Leave to refer you to a Resolve of Congress of the 10th of Septr 1779 Not having received any Information from the Board of War agreeable to that Resolve, of any considerable Additions to the Stock of Cloathing provided by the United States, by Importation or otherwise, we are at a Loss to know what will be expected from us towards cloathing our Troop's. They have generally suffered very severely by not being supplied in Time, and we are apprehensive the Distance to which they are removed from the public Stores, will encrease their Hardships in that Respect, unless proper

Liber C C No. 22 p. 186 Measures are taken in Time, for their Relief. We request you to peruse and seal the enclosed Letter to the Board of War. Altho' we have not any regular Information of the Action of the 10th Ult° interesting as it was to this State in Particular, we have no Reason to doubt that our gallant Countrymen, are under very distressing Circumstances from many Causes, particularly the Loss of their Baggage, and we rest assured that the Hoñble Board of War will see the Propriety of forwarding an immediate Supply. Unless we have some Assistance towards Cloathing the Recruits that are here, we shall soon have very few to cloath, as they lessen every Day by Desertion. We have Reason to believe that our Troops have, hitherto, received but a small Proportion of Continental Cloathing; To avoid a partial Distribution in future or to quiet Discontents and Clamours, if this Opinion is not well founded, it appears to us that it would be proper and just each State should know what Cloathing and Military Stores are annually imported, on Account of the United States. If it can, with Propriety be done at this Time we should be glad to know what has been imported of those Articles for 12 Months past, at least of Cloathing.

[Council to Board of War]

Gentlemen The distressing Circumstances the Maryland Troops are under, by the Loss of their Baggage on the 16th Ult° oblige us to call on you for supplies from the Continental Stock of Cloathing; their Sufferings require immediate Relief. We have likewise an urgent Demand for Cloathing for about 200 Recruits, who we detained for want of Blankets, Cloth & Linen, and we shall have Occasion for a further Supply of those Articles for other Recruits expected. The Time is now arrived when it is necessary we should know what supplies of Cloathing may be expected from the general Stock, and to inform you that we fear it will not be in the Power of this State to furnish in Time, more than a partial Supply of Hats, Shoes, Hose and Shirts. Mr Wm Smith lately lent us 200 Shirts, which we had bought by your Order. We hope it will Suit you to give us an Order on him for them and, if you have any Cloathing in Baltimore, we request your Order for what you can Spare.

p. 187 [Council to Colo. Henry Hollingsworth]

Sir We received yours of the 17th & 20th and send by Mr Giles £250 of the new State Money, amounting at 40 for 1, to £10,000. It is the general Opinion, this Money will circulate freely and will be taken by the Merchants in Baltimore and hope it will answer to extricate you from your present Difficulties. Lest there should be any Disappointment, by your not being able to pass this Money readily, we enclose an Order on the Collector of your County for eight thousand Pounds, which you are to account for or return, if you

can make Use of the new Money, this is all we have in our Power to do. It is our Opinion, if the Horses are good and substantial and fit for the Draft, the Service they were purchased and intended for, they ought to be received, and the only proper Mode that occurs to us to determine it, in Cases where an Objection is made by the Quartermaster to receiving them, is to call on one or two Persons well Skilled in Horses to examine them and if he or they should be of Opinion they come up to the above Description, you ought to offer them to the Quartermaster and insist on his taking them, and, in Case of his obstinately refusing, you must put them out to Pasture and take Care of them, and send us a Report of what you do in Consequence of the above Directions. Those adjudged to be unfit for Service, by the Persons called in, are also to be pastured and taken Care of.

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Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Ann Littell three Pounds two shillings and six Pence of the new Emission of this State in lieu of one hundred and twenty five Pounds due her ꝑ Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut James Bruff of the 6th Regimt seventeen Pounds, sixteen shillings & three Pence of the new Emission of this State in lieu of an Order of the 24th Augt last for one thousand nine hundred Dollars.

That the said Treasurer pay to Conrad T. Wederstrandt one thousand Pounds of the new Emission of this State to be delivered over to Charles Blake Commissary of Purchases for Queen Anns County to be by him Accounted for.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Edmond Moran of the 6th Regimt seventeen Pounds, sixteen shillings and three pence of the new Emission of this State in lieu of one thousand nine hundred Dollars allowed by a Resolve of the General Assembly to enable him to bear his Expenses to the Southward.

That the said Treasurer pay to the said Edmond Moran three Pounds in Specie for the Purpose aforesaid

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Harwood Esqr Continental Treasurer or order Eighteen thousand eight hundred and seventy one Dollars and seven ninetieths of a Dollar of the new Bills emitted by this State in lieu of seven hundred and fifty four thousand eight hundred and forty three Dollars and ten ninetieths of a Dollar of the Continental Bill of Credit part of the Quota of this State raised for the use of the United States

That the Eastern shore Treasurer pay to Thomas Harwood Esqr Contl Treasurer or order Twenty five thousand nine hundred and

Liber C B No. 23 thirty three Pounds, sixteen shill^{gs} and eight Pence part of the Quota of this State raised for the use of the U. States.

That Doct^{r} Murray deliver to Ch^{s} Lansdale out of the State Shop 2 ℔ of Cream of Tarter for Ignatius Digges Esqr

That Mr Shaw deliver to Com^{o} Barron 12 ℔s Match rope.

John Eversfield jun^{r} appointed Inspector of Nottingham Ware Ho. in Prince Georges County in the room of Allen Bowie resigned and James Stimson app^{d} Insp^{r} of Porters Warehouse in Queen Anns County in the room of James Hackett

Whereas it appears to this Board that Legh Master Esqr Commander of the Sloop Experiment on the 23rd day of August last obtained a safe Conduct or Flag of Truce from His Excellency John Maxwell Esqr Governor and Commander in Chief of the Bahama Islands, to carry in the said Sloop Experiment thirty three American Prisoners of War, whose names are mentioned in a List annexed to the said safe Conduct from the Island of New Providence to Baltimore Town in this State and whereas it also appears that the said Sloop during her said Voyage suffered such Damage that she cannot return, unless Permission is given to the said Legh Master to refit. We do therefore hereby Permit the said Legh Master to refit the said Vessel and to Purchase three Barrels of Meat & three Barrels of Flour and allow him 14 days for that Purpose and do further grant Liberty to the said Legh Master to remain in the Town of Baltimore until the Expiration of the Time aforesaid allowed for refitting his said Vessel but do enjoin and prohibit the said Master from departing the Limits of the said Town until our Leave

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[Council to Charles Blake Esqr.]

Sir We send you by Mr Wederstrandt, 1000 £ in new State Money, amounting at 40 for 1, to 40,000 £ and request to know in Time, when you will have Occasion for a further Supply

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Monday 25th September 1780

Liber C B No. 23 p. 199

Present as on Saturday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Richard Ridgely Esqr Thirty seven Pounds ten shillings of the new Emission of this State in lieu of Four thousand Dollars by him lent to the State.

That the said Treasurer pay to Samuel Chase Esqr Three hundred Pounds of the new Emission of this State to be delivered over to John Dorsey & Co. on Acc^{t}

That the said Treasurer pay to David Poe one thousand Pounds of the new Emission aforesaid to be delivered over to Thomas Donellan of Balt^{o} on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Minor Twenty nine Pounds nineteen shillings and seven Pence half penny of the said Emission in lieu of eleven hundred and ninety eight Pounds two shillings and six Pence due him ꝑ acc^{t} passed by the Aud. Genl Liber C B No. 23

That the said Treasurer pay to William Logan seventeen Pounds, ten shill^{gs} and seven Pence half penny of the said Emission to be delivered over to George Williams in lieu of seven hundred and one Pounds, five shillings due him ꝑ Acc^{t} passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to David Poe one hundred and Twenty five Pounds of the new Emission aforesaid on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to David Poe Esqr Eleven thousand and forty five Pounds, nineteen shillings and Eleven Pence and one thousand four hundred and forty one Pounds to be paid in the new Emission of this State at one for forty due him ꝑ Acc^{ts} passed by the Aud. Genl

That Mr John Shaw deliver to Col^{o} Forrest's order what handcuffs &^{ca} he may want to confine Deserters.

Commissions issued to Saml Smith appointed Col^{o}. Thomas Yeates Capt. David Stewart 1 Lieut. Danl Bowley 2^{d} Lieut. James Calhoun Ens. Philip Grable Capt. John Lorah 1 Lt John McInheimer 2 Lieut. Henry Speck Ens. Benjamin Griffith Capt. David Harris 1st Lt Stephen Steward 2^{d} Lieut. Hercules Courtnay Ens. James Young Capt. William Jacob 1 Lieut. Johnsey Selman 2^{d} Lieut. & Charles Orrick Ens. belonging to the Baltimore Town Battalion of Militia in Baltimore County.

[Council to Messrs. McLellan, Leman & Griest]

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Gent^{n} We have just received Information from Mr Wm Smith, that you have not restored to him any Part of the French Flour seized by you in Baltimore last Winter, under the Act for the immediate Supply &^{ca} We expected that Flour had been returned long ago, pursuant to our Order; if it is not, you must deliver it immediately to Mr Smith and inform us of the Reasons which have induced you to delay it so long.

[Council to William Smith Esqr]

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Sir Your Letter of the 23^{d} Ins^{t} we received & are much surprised the Comm^{rs} of Baltimore Town have not returned the French Flour that was seized in your Possession last Winter, as they have long since had our Order for that Purpose. We have wrote to the Comm^{rs} directing them to deliver the Flour immediately and to inform us of the Cause of so long Delay. There is no great Probability we shall have it in our Power to supply you with the Flour required by Mr Holker within the Time mentioned in your Letter,

Liber C C No. 22 besides what the Army will want and therefore do permit you to purchase such a Quantity of Flour, for the Use of the French as, with what you now have on Hand and have Shipped off, will amount to fifteen thousand Barrels.

[Council to Wm. Winder, Jno. Adams & Others Commrs of the Tax for Somerset County]

Gent^n We have not received your Nomination of the Inspectors in Somerset County, agreeable to Act of Assembly for the Regulation of the Staple of Tobacco, which we request you to forward to us by the first good Opportunity. We again enclosed you an Extract of the Law

[Council to Mr. Thomas Donellan]

Sir We send by Mr Poe 1000 £ of the new State Emission amounting, at 40 for 1, to 40,000 £ charged to you on Account, until you can settle your Accounts

[Council to Colo. Benjamin Nicholson]

Sir We received of the 5th of Aug^t & 23^d Ins^t and should have made out and sent Commissions for the Officers of your Battalion, agreeable to your Recommendation. The Multiplicity of Business before us and the Want of Information how the Vacancies mentioned in the List herewith transmitted arose, are the only Causes of our Delaying it so long. We have enclosed you all the Commissions that can be made out, at this Time, and shall send the rest as soon as the above Information is communicated

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Tuesday 26th September 1780

Present as on yesterday.

Capt. Abraham Simmons appointed Inspector of Pig Point Warehouse in Ann Arundel County in the room of John Gardiner resigned

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to William Goldsmith Eight hundred pounds part of an Order of the 6th Instant in the new Emission of this State at one for forty & the remaining Bal^ce of same order Two thousand, three hundred & eighty seven Pounds, ten shillings in Cont^l Currency.

p. 200 Permission is hereby given to Mrs. Damaris Kennedy of this State to solicit Leave from His Excellency Genl Washington or the Commanding Officer at the out Posts of the Am. Army at Elizabeth Town to go into the City of New York for the Purpose of obtaining a Passage from thence to Great Britain not to return again into this State during the present war between America and Great Britain without the Leave of the Govr & Co. for the Time being first had & obt^d

Ordered That Mr John Shaw deliver to Capt. Robt Berry 10^lb Oakum for the Plater Liber C B No. 23

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Robt Davis Eleven pounds five shillings of the new Emission of this State in lieu of an Order of the 9th Inst. for four hundred & fifty Pounds

That the said Treasurer pay to Abraham Gorman thirty six Pounds, seven shillings and six Pence of the said new Emission in lieu of one thousand four hundred & fifty five Pounds.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Muir Esqr one thousand Pounds of the said new Emission to be expended in Clothing &^ca for the Maryland Officers in the Cont^l Service and also the further sum of one thousand five hundred Pounds of the said new Emission on Account.

The Appointment of Donaldson Yeates Esqr Dep^y Quarter Mast^r G^l for this State by Tim. Pickering Esqr Q^r Mast^r Genl approved and ratified.

[Council to James Calhoun Esqr]

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Sir We only received yours of the 15th Ins^t this Morning. You will supply Mr Donellan with Meat sufficient to issue at his Post. We yesterday sent him a Sum of Money, if he should have Occasion for a further Supply, it will be sent him. This will save you some Trouble and be more regular. We depend on your Judgment in conducting the Business you have on Hand, in the Manner you think most likely to conduce to the public Good

[Council to Donaldson Yeates, Esqr.]

Sir Your Appointment as Deputy Quarter master for this State has been notified to us by Timothy Pickering Esqr Quartermaster General and we do approve of and ratify the same

[Council to Timothy Pickering Esqr]

Sir We received your Letter of the 22^d Augt notifying the Appointment of Donaldson Yeates Esqr Deputy Quartermaster for this State. Mr Yeates we understand, is a Gentleman of Probity and Industry & worthy of the Confidence you have reposed in him; We do therefore approve of and ratify the said Appointment.

Wednesday 27th September 1780

September 27 Liber C B No. 23 p. 200

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Thomas Johnson Junr Twenty five Pounds ten shillings of the new Emission of this State in lieu of one thousand and Twenty Pounds due him ꝑ Account passed by the Aud. Genl

Liber C B No. 23 That the said Treasurer pay to Frederick Green Two hundred and eleven Pounds, six shillings and five Pence of the said New Emission in lieu of eight thousand four hundred and fifty two Pounds, seventeen shillings and six Pence part of an Order drawn in his favor 12th July last.

September 28

Thursday 28th September 1780

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Joseph Middleton Thirty three Pounds fifteen shillings of the new Emission of this State in lieu of one thousand three hundred and Fifty Pounds due him ꝑ Acct passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to John H. Maccubbin Fifty Pounds twelve shillings and six Pence of the said new Emission in lieu of Two thousand and Twenty five Pounds due him ꝑ Acct passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Robert Berry Twenty one pounds nine shillings and ten Pence of the said new Emission in lieu of eight hundred and fifty nine Pounds fifteen shillings due him ꝑ acct passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Pat Burke one hundred and Eighty three Pounds, five shillings & nine pence of the new Emission in lieu of seven thousand three hundred & thirty one Pounds, twelve shillings & six Pence due him for riding Express from the 27th of June last to the 19th Inst. Sept. according to an Agreement with this Board and agreeable to a Requisition of Congress

That the said Treasurer pay to Alice Redman one hundred Pounds ꝑ Acct passed by the Depy Aud.

p. 201 Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Mary Fennell one hundred Pounds due her ꝑ Acct passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Majr Edward Giles five pounds two shillings and four pence of the new Emission of this State in lieu of Two hundred & four Pounds fifteen shillings due him ꝑ Acct passed by the Aud. Genl and also seventy five Pounds of the said new Emision in lieu of three thousand Pounds to be delivered over to Jonathan Hudson on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Brice Esqr Twelve Pounds, ten shillings of the new Emission on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Swan sixteen Pounds thirteen shillings and four Pence of the new Emission in lieu of six hundred and sixty six Pounds, thirteen shillings and four pence due him ꝑ acct passed by the Aud. Genl

That the Collector of the Tax for Washington County pay to Samuel Hughes one thousand Eight hundred Pounds. Liber C B No. 23

That the issuing Commissary deliver to Mary McCormick a soldiers wife of the late Capt. Gales Comp^y of Artillery one ration per Day until further orders or on the meeting of Ann Arundel County.

[Council to Colo. Sam'l Smith] Liber C C No. 22 p. 189

Sir It will be proper to State an Account of the Wheat and Flour belonging to the Commonwealth of Virginia, which was seized by the Commissioners under the Act for A Supply &^ca The exact Quantity may be ascertained on returning the Certificates given by the Comm^rs and proving the Wheat mentioned in your Return of the 29th May, to have been seized by them and paid for by you. This being done, we shall readily agree that what appears to belong to Virginia, shall be carried to her Credit, as Part of the Specific Supplies for the current Year

[Council to the Commissaries of Purchases in the several Counties]

Sir We have just received a Letter from the President of Congress dated the 23^d Ins^t enclosing their Recommendation to this State, to send immediately to the main Army, five hundred Head of neat Cattle, over and above the Quantity required of us by the Resolution of the 25th of February last. We are informed that the Distress of Army for want of Meat is so pressing that it is absolutely necessary p. 190 to procure and send forward to the Head of Elk immediately, the above Number of Cattle, and to enable you to do it with Expedition, have sent of the new Bills. In making your Purchases, you are to consider one new Dollar equal to 40 Continental, and do earnestly entreat you to exert yourself on this trying Emergency and to forward what Cattle you can obtain with the greatest Dispatch.

P. S. We request you to inform us of the Number of Cattle you have already forwarded, have on Hand, and can procure within 14 Days after the Receipt of this.

Friday 29th September 1780 September 29

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Adam Miller four Pounds nineteen shillings of the new Emission of this State in lieu of one hundred & ninety eight Pounds due ꝑ acc^t passed by the Dep^y Aud. Liber C B No. 23 p. 201

That the said Treasurer pay to William Rawlings Eleven pounds one shilling and three pence of the new Emission in lieu of an Order of the 24th of August for four hundred and forty two Pounds ten Shillings.

Liber C B No. 23 That the said Treasurer pay to the said William Rawlings, three pounds fifteen shillings of the new Emission in lieu of an order of the 11 Sept. for one hundred & fifty Pounds

That the said Treasurer pay to John Brice Esqr Twelve Pounds, ten shillings of the new Emission on Acc^{t}

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut James Bruff seventeen Pounds, four shillings and four Pence of the new Emission in lieu of five hundred & eighty eight Pounds fifteen shillings due him ꝑ Acc^{t} passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Charles Lansdale one thousand Pounds of the new Emission to be delivered over to Danl Jenifer Com^{ry} for Ch^{s} County on Acc^{t}

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[Council to Board of War]

Gent^{n} By a late Letter from his Ex^{y} General Washington, it appears that Col^{o} Price has resigned his Commission; We therefore ratify and confirm the Promotion of Lieu^{t} Col^{o} Benj^{a} Ford as Lieu^{t} Col^{o} Commandant of the 2^{d} Regiment and request his Commission may be dated the 31st of April 1780, the Day on which his Ex^{y} informs us Col^{o} Price's Resignation was made. Some of the Gentlemen appointed Officers by our Letter of the 29th of May, being made Prisoners in the Action of the 16th of last Month, we are anxious to know whether the Commissions issued from your Board agreeably to our Request.

[Council to Colo Richd Barnes]

Sir We received yours of the 20th Ins^{t} and request you to have all the public Arms in St Mary's which are unfit for Service, sold to the best Advantage, to the People in your County. We shall have Occasion to send the State Boats down and shall, by that Opportunity, send you some Arms from the State Armory

September 30

Saturday 30th September 1780

Liber C B No. 23 p. 201

Present as on yesterday

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Margaret Chatting four Pounds eleven shillings & three Pence of the new Emission in lieu of one hundred and Eighty two Pounds, ten shillings due her ꝑ Acc^{t} passed by the D. Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Allen Quynn thirty three Pounds & nine Pence of the new Emission in lieu of one thousand three hundred & twenty one Pounds twelve shillings due ꝑ Acc^{t} passed by the D. Aud.

p. 202 Ordered That Doct^{r} Murray deliver to Governor Lee out of the State Shop ½ lb Rhubard

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. William Middleton Twelve Pounds, ten Shillings of the new Emission of this State on Account. Liber C B No. 23

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. William Middleton Twelve Pounds, ten Shillings of the new Emission of this State on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Col° U. Forrest Aud. Gen[l] two thousand six hundred and four Pounds, three shillings and four Pence due him for 2½ Months Salary to 1st Inst.

That the said Treasurer pay to the said U. Forrest five hundred Pounds of the new Emission to be delivered over to Capt. Joseph Ford Commissary for S[t] Marys County on Account

By his Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esq[r] Gov[r] of Maryland.

A Proclamation

Whereas full Power and Authority is given to me by and with the Advice of the Council to continue the Act entitled An Act to prohibit for a limited Time the exportation " of Wheat, Flour, Rye, Indian Corn, Rice, Bread, Beef, Pork, Bacon Live stock, Peas, Beans Oats and other victual, and for other Purposes " from and after the tenth day of this Instant until the end of the next Session of the General Assembly and to issue my Proclamation accordingly; Provided the Embargo be continued in the States of Pennsylvania and Delaware so that the Trade of Delaware Bay be not open for the Emolument of the People residing on the waters or in the Vicinity thereof and it appearing that the Embargo hath been Continued in the State of Pennsylvania until the thirtieth Day of this Month and in the State of Delaware until the Twentieth Day of October next. and Whereas by my Proclamation issued on the 9th Inst by and with the advice of the Council the said Act to prohibit &[ca] &[ca] was continued until this Day and having good Grounds to believe that the Embargo in the States of Pennsylvania hath been continued in force. I do therefore by and with the advice of the Council hereby continue the said Act until the end of the next Session of the General Assembly.

Given at Annapolis this 30th Day of September Anno Domini 1780
By his Exc[ys] Command T. Johnson J[r] Sec[ry] T. S. Lee

[Council to Mr. Robert Adam]

October 1 Liber C C No. 22 p. 190

Sir We enclose you a Letter from M[r] Conway, with whom we have agreed for all the Articles mentioned underneath, imported in the Alex[r] not disposed of when you receive this, Please to deliver them to Col° Fitzgerrald or M[r] Rich[d] Contee, packed in Bales & Boxes, with a Bill of Parcels, who will give a Receipt for them on Account of the State

Liber C C No. 22 Fine white Cloth, Shoes, Russia Sheeting, Drilling, Coarse blue & Red Cloth, Blanketts, Oznabrigs, white Sheeting.

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Sir. Enclosed is a Letter for Mr Robert Adam which we request the Favor of you to deliver & that you will receive the Goods mentioned therein & send them over to Mr Rozer, immediately. Our Motive for desiring this will immediately occur to you, please to desire him to receive them and keep them in his Dwelling House, until we can conveniently send for them, enclose the Bill of Parcels by the Bearer. We would make an Apology for giving you this Trouble but flatter ourselves it is not necessary as this Business is of a public Nature and the immediate Object of it, cloathing our Army Southward

October 2 Liber C B No. 23 p. 202 Monday 2^d October 1780

Present as on Saturday.

Commission issued to Edward Vondome appointed Sheriff of Worcester County in the room of John Selby dead and in consequence of the refusal of Jesse Bennett

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Robert Reith Messenger to the Governor and Council one hundred and twenty five Pounds 1 Mo. Salary to the 1st Inst.

That the said Treasurer pay to James Ryan three hundred and twenty one Pounds, seven shillings and six Pence of the new Emission of this State in lieu of Twelve thousand eight hundred and fifty five Pounds to be delivered over to Russell and Ryan for 14 pieces of Irish Linen purchased for the use of the Maryland Officers by John Randall ꝑ his order in their favor of the 17th May last.

That the said Treasurer pay to James Ryan Twenty five Pounds of the new Emission in lieu of one thousand Pounds lent by him to the Continent

That the said Treasurer pay to His Ex^cy Thos S. Lee Esqr five hundred Pounds of the new Emission to be deliv^d over to Col^o Thomas Price Com^y for Fred. County on Account

p. 203 Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Ignatius Wheeler Contractor for Horses in Harford County four hundred and six Pounds ten shillings of the new Emission of this State in lieu of sixteen thousand, two hundred and sixty and also Fifty six Pounds, five shillings of the same Emission to be by him accounted for.

That the said Treasurer pay to Daniel Carroll Esqr Twenty five Pounds of the new Emission in lieu of an order of the 14th July last.

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Gassaway Dep^y Aud^r Fifteen Pounds twelve shillings and six Pence of the new Emission in lieu of six hundred and twenty five Pounds for 1 Month Salary to the 1st Inst. Liber C B No. 23

That the said Treasurer pay to James Tootell one hundred and forty three Pounds & three pence of the new Emission in lieu of five thousand seven hundred and Twenty Pounds, twelve shillings and six pence to be delivered over to Hughes and Williamson for 7 pieces of Linen purchased for the Officers of the Maryland Line by J. Randall ꝑ his order of the 16 May last

That the said Treasurer pay to Col° James Tootell one thousand nine hundred and Eleven Pounds, three shillings and nine pence of the new Emission to be delivered over to Ridley and Pringle on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Crisall, Eighteen Pounds, twelve shillings and five pence half penny of the new Emission on Account and also the further Sum of one thousand one hundred and fifty Pounds on Account.

[Council to Colo. Joseph Dashiell] Liber C C No. 22 p. 191

Sir We received yours of the 29th Ult° and shall order the State Boats to proceed down with all possible Dispatch, likewise a Barge and whale Boat, if we can Man them. Our Boats returned lately from below. Commodore Baron having left this about a Week past, with an Intent to cruise about the Sound and Island, we hoped you would at least for some Time, have been free from the Enemy's Depredations. If Information is made to any Magistrate, sufficient to induce him to apprehend any Persons who may have given Assistance to the Enemy we request you to send them up under Guard, with the Affidavits and Papers which may found the Ground-work for apprehending them, and if any Information can be given us of any persons, whose going at large may be dangerous to the Government, we will take the necessary Steps to secure them. We hope no Man will be so lost to the Reputation and Interest of his Country, on this Occasion, as to Suffer the Enemy to insult us with Impunity.

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Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Col° James Murray Two hundred Pounds of the new Emission of this State to be delivered over to John C. Harrison Com^ry of Purchases for Dorchester County to be by him Accounted.

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That the said Treasurer pay to James Brice Esqr Thirty seven Pounds ten shillings of the new Emission Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to John H. Stone Esqr Thirty seven Pounds ten shillings of the new Emission on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Dunnock five Dollars of the new Emission in lieu of seventy five Pounds due him p Acc^{t} passed by the Dep^{y} Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to His Exc^{y} Thomas Sim Lee Esqr forty three Pounds fifteen shillings of the new Emission in lieu of one thousand seven hundred and fifty Pounds Bal^{ce} of an Order of the 25 July last.

That the said Treasurer pay to James Murray Esqr seventy five Pounds of the new Emission in lieu of three thousand Pounds due him as Judge of the Court of Appeals from May 1779 to 5th of October 1780.

That the said Treasurer pay to Benjamin Rumsey Esqr Judge of the Court of Appeals sixty nine Pounds Twelve shillings and four Pence of the new Emission in lieu of Two thousand, seven hundred and Eighty four Pounds, fourteen shillings and six Pence from the 5th of October 1779 to the 1st of October 1780.

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[Council to the Comrs. of the Tax for Dorchester County]

Gent^{n} Willis Newton having, by his Letter of the 27th Augt declined acting as Inspector at Henry Ennalls's Warehouse in Dorchester County, and Joseph Ennalls sent a Resignation of his appointment as Inspector at the said Warehouse; we request you therefore to proceed to an Election of Inspectors for that Warehouse, agreeable to the Act of Assembly for the Regulation of the Staple of Tobacco

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Wednesday 4th October 1780

Present as on yesterday

Ordered That the issuing Commissary deliver to John ——— a french Boy, retaken and brought here in the Dolphin and now sick, 3 Days rations.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. Richard Waters of the 1st Reg^{t} white Cloth & Trimmings suff^{t} for a Waistcoat & Breeches & Linen for 2 Shirts on Account.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt Richard Waters of the 1st Regim^{t} thirty Dollars of the new Emission of this State due him on Acc^{t} of Stores to be Acc^{d} for

That the said Treasurer pay to James Bennett five hundred Pounds of the new Emission to e delivered over to Henry Jackson Com^{y} of Somerset County on Acc^{t}

[Council to Joseph Dashiell Esqr]

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Sir We received yours by Mr Bennett and shall endeavor to send down the State Boats, a Barge & Whale Boat, in a few Days, but as they cannot be fully Manned here, we depend on the Spirit of the Inhabitants in your County, to assist in doing that Service, if it should be found necessary. We are sorry to hear from you that the the new Money will not fully answer your Purposes; it has already got considerably into Circulation, many Merchants in this Place and Baltimore receive it for Good and we still hope you will be able to transact your Business with it; we have no other Means than what we have already supplied you with. When the Boats go down, we shall send you what military Stores we can spare and write you more fully. Capt Waters has Directions about the Deserters and we request you to afford him any Assistance he may have Occasion for, in sending them up.

[Council to George Dashiell Esqr.]

Sir We received yours by Mr Bennett. Your acc^t^ for Freight must be passed by the Auditor before an Order can go from this Board for Payment. The General Assembly only, can determine what shall be done in Consequence of the Loss of your Vessel. At the same Time we are sorry you was under the Necessity of calling out the Militia yet we approve of doing it and if the Enemy still continue in your Parts, we request you to keep a Sufficient Number embodied to repel them & prevent their ravaging. We intend to send down in a few Days, our State Boats, a Barge & Whale Boat, but we must, in a great Measure depend on the Spirit of the Inhabitants on the Waters to Man them, and we apprehend a Part of the Militia may be most effectually employed in that way. We shall send by the Boats such of the Articles you desire, as can be spared. Capt Waters has offered to take Command of any Party and we wish he may be employed

Thursday 5th October 1780

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Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. William Beatty 6 Coats and 30 Vests for the use of a Party of Men belonging to the Maryland Division

That the said Commissary Deliver to Lieut of the Artillery and Lt Henry Baldwin of the 3^d^ Reg^t^ each Cloth & Trimmings for a Suit of Cloaths & Linen for 2 Shirts on Acc^t^

That the said Commissary deliver to Col^o^ Alexander L. Smith & Capt. Charles Smith of the Reg^t^ Extra Cloth & Trimmings suff^t^ for

Liber C B No. 23 a Suit of Cloaths & Linen for 2 Shirts and also to Maj^{r} Edward Giles of the said Regim^{t} Cloth & Trimmings suff^{t} for a waist coat & Breeches.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Lieut Rawlings of the Artillery Twenty Dollars of the new Emission of this State on Acc^{t} of Stores due him to be accounted for

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Guibert late a Soldier in the 2^{d} Maryland Regim^{t} six and a quarter Dollars of the new Emission in lieu of 250 Dollars due him as Bounty ꝑ acc^{t} passed by the Dep^{y} Aud.

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to John Trap on board the Dolphin six Days Provisions.

Liber C C No. 22 p. 192 [Council to the Purchasers of Horses, & Waggons &ca. in the several Counties]

Sir We request you to furnish us with a full Return of all the Horses &^{ca} procured by you for public Use as soon as possible if no other Opportunity offers, by the Members of the Assembly from your County; as it will be necessary to lay these Returns before the General Assembly, you will not fail to transmit them to us.

p. 193 [Council to Horatio Gates]

Sir Yours of the 5th Ult^{o} we received, which was the first Intimation given us, relative to our Supplying the Army in the Southern Department and therefore had not made a Provision for the Payment of such large Sums of Money as your two Draughts to Col^{o} Polk and Joseph Clay Esqr which have been presented to us for Payment, and we are really distressed that we were under the disagreeable Necessity of declining the Payment, for want of Money. We expect a considerable Sum of Money will be paid over to the Treasury, in this Month, and shall do every Thing in our Power to have so much paid over to the Continental Treasurer, as will answer these Draughts which ought to have been drawn on him. As we are at all Times anxious to be informed of the Fate of our virtuous Countrymen, we shall thank you to transmit us a Return of the Maryland Troops by the earliest Opportunity, and every other Matter relating to them

October 6 Friday 6th October 1780

Liber C B No. 23 p. 204 Present as on yesterday

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Woolman Gibson six hundred pounds of the new Emission of this State to be delivered over to James Hindman Commissary for Talbot County to be by him Accounted for.

That the said Treasurer pay to Jonathan Parker Two hundred Pounds of the new Emission to be delivered over to Barach Williams Commissary for Cecil County on Account two hundred Pounds of the same Emission to be delivered over to John Voorhees Com^y for Kent on Acc^t and Two hundred Pounds of the Same Emission to be delivered over to Nathaniel Potter Commissary for Caroline County on account. Liber C C No. 22

That the said Treasurer pay to John Wilmot Two hundred Pounds of the New Emission to be delivered over to Richd Dallam Com^y for Harford County on Acc^t

That the said Treasurer pay to the said John Wilmot four Pounds ten shillings of the new Emission on Acc^t

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Jonathan Parker five Pounds twelve shillings and six Pence of the new Emission of this State on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Rezin Davis of the late Rawlings's Regim^t three Pounds fifteen shillings of the new emission in lieu of one hundred and fifty Pounds the Gratuity allowed the Maryland Officers in the Cont^l Service by a Resolution of the Genl Assembly passed the 11 Decem^r 1778 and also Eighteen Pounds fifteen shillings of the new Emission in lieu of seven hundred and fifty Pounds allowed inst^d of Articles for the year 1779 by the Act relating to the Officers and Soldiers &^ca

That the said Treasurer pay to John Muir seven thousand Dollars on Account

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut Rezin Davis of the late Rawlings's Reg. Cloth & Trimings suff^t for a Suit of Cloaths, Linen for 2 Shirts and 2 pair Stockings in part of the Articles allowed by the Genl Assembly.

That the said Commissary deliver to Capt. Lloyd Beall, Lt Robt Denny of the 7th Reg^t Capt. Spurrier of the 4 Reg^t Capt Lt Jno Jere, Jacob, Lt George Jacob of the 6th Reg. Ensigns John Lowe, Jacob Crawford & John Sears of the 2^d Reg^t each Cloth and Trimmings suff^t for a Suit of Cloaths & Linen for 2 Shirts on Account.

Charles Jordan appointed Inspector of Wicommoco Warehouse in the room of Gerard Bond resigned

By his Excellency Thos Sim Lee Esqr Governor of Maryland.

A Proclamation

Whereas the Senate adjourned to the first Monday in November next & the House of Delegates to the third Monday in Septr last past and Subjects of the greatest Consequence requiring the immediate attention and deliberation of the General Assembly; I have therefore thought it expedient that the General Assembly of this

Liber C B No. 23 State should meet on Tuesday the seventh day of October Instant and do therefore in Virtue of the Power with which I am invested by the Constitution and form of Government Hereby appoint the said seventeeth Day of the Current Month for the Holding the General Assembly of which the several Sheriffs of this State are hereby enjoined to give Public and due Notice. Given at Annapolis this sixth Day of Octr in the year one thousand seven hundred & Eighty By his Exc^ys Command. T. Johnson J^r Sec^ry Thos S. Lee

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[Council to the Commissaries of the Several Counties]

Sir We request you to send us a complete Return of the Provisions you have purchased and obtained and in what Manner, since your appointment as Commissary, and hope this will not be delayed, at farthest, beyond the 17th Ins^t when some Member of the General Assembly may afford you a favorable Opportunity.

[Council to Colo James Hindman]

Sir Yours of the 7th Ult^o we have this Day received and have sent you by Mr Gibson £600 of the late Emission of this State, Considering the Situation of the Collection of the Tobacco Tax, in your County, we think it unnecessary to send you an Order on the Sheriff at this Time; but as soon as you can give us Information that the Sheriff has received a sufficient Quantity of Tobacco to pay the Order you now have, and has Tobacco remaining in his Hands, we shall then transmit you an order for any Quantity that may be necessary to complete your Purchases. We wish you to forward the Cattle with as much Expedition as possible, to the Head of Elk. We think the best Mode for getting the Wheat manufactured would be, to agree with the Millers to grind it for a fixed Price in Money, and to deliver you all the Flour, Shorts, Bran &^ca The Wheat, if delivered to any Person before it is manufactured, ought to be delivered to Col^o Hollingsworth at the Head of Elk, We are sorry to be informed of the Rise of Wheat in your County & still hope you will be able to purchase at our Limitation, but if it cannot possibly be accomplished, we must agree to your giving the enormous Price which wheat has risen to in your County. As we shall want Flour, you will have your Purchase sent to this Place by the first safe Conveyance

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[Council to the Lieuts who had not made their Returns of Militia]

Sir Not having received a Return of the Militia in your County agreeable to the Directions of the Act of Assembly for a new and speedy Enrollment of the Militia, we request you to send it by the first good Opportunity: If none offers before the Meeting of the Assembly on the 17th Ins^t we hope you will send it by some Member

who will attend in the Beginning of the Session. It is likewise proper we should have it in our Power to lay before the General Assembly the fullest Information of what has been done in Consequence of the Acts for procuring Recruits &ca for which Purpose it will be necessary to have complete Returns of the Recruits obtained in your County, and to know how much of the 15 ℘ Cent has been received and what Part has been applied in obtaining Provision, agreeably to our Directions

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[Council to the Lieuts who made their Returns of Militia]

Sir It is proper we should have it in our Power to lay before the Genl Assembly, the fullest Information of what has been done in Consequence of the Acts for procuring Recruits &ca for which Purpose it will be necessary to have complete Returns of the Recruits obtained in your County, and to know how much of the 15 ℘ Cent has been received and what Part has been applied in obtaining Provision agreeably to our Directions

[Council to Delegates in Congress]

Sir We request you to inform us whether the Act prohibiting the Exportation of Provision from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, is continued and that you will favor us with a Copy of the Law for that Purpose, if any such has passed.

[Council to Mr Hughes, Commy of Prisoners at Balto.]

Sir The Restoration Privateer has released Capt Gorman and another Inhabitant of this State on Parole, who are to be exchanged for John Cheese and John James, who we have sent to you and request you to have them put on Board the Vessel commanded by Legh Master, now lying in the Harbour of Baltimore and bound to new Providence

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Present a son yesterday

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Majr Dean and Lieut. Hamilton of the 4th Regt Cloth & Trimmings suffi for a Suit of Cloaths & Linen for 2 Shirts on Acct

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Paul Sherman four Pounds ten shillings of the new Emission in lieu of one hundred and Eighty Pounds due him ℘ Acct passed by D. A.

That the said Treasurer pay to Ens. John Lowe of 2d Regt one pound nine shillings and three pence of the new Emission in lieu

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That the said Treasurer pay to Lt Isaac Rawlings of the M^{d} Artillery, two Pounds fifteen shill^{gs} of the new Emission in lieu of one hundred & ten Pounds ꝑ Acc^{t} passed by the Dep^{y} Aud.

p. 206 Commission issued to William Lyles appointed Lieut. Col^{o} of the Lower Battalion of Militia in Prince Georges County in the room of Truman Skinner deceased.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer Discharge such part of the Certificates given in Virtue of the "Act for the immediate Supply &^{ca}" as is directed to be paid by the "Act for the Payment of certain Certificates" in Bills of the new Emission at the rate of one Dollar for forty, of the Continental Bills.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. John Carlile sixty two Pounds ten shillings of the new Emission to be delivered to Capt. George Keeports on Account.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut John Chever of the Maryl^{d} Artillery Cloth for 1 Coat on Account, to Mrs Lynch for the use of Capt. John Lynch of the 5 Reg^{t} Cloth & Trimmings for a Suit of Cloaths & Linen for 2 Shirts on Account.

That the said Commissary deliver to Capt. John Carlile of Col^{o} Hazens Regim^{t} Cloth and Trimmgs suff^{t} for 4 Suits of Cloaths & Linen for 16 Shirts, I Suit of Cloaths and 4 shirts to be by him retained and the other 3 Suits & 12 Shirts to be delivered over to Capt^{s} Michael Gilbert & John Hughes & Lieut Joseph Lewis of the said Regim^{t} each 1 Suit of Cloaths & 4 Shirts allowed by the General Assembly.

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to the said Capt Carlile 115 Gall^{s} Rum & 216 ℔s Coffee for the use of the Maryland Officers & Soldiers in Col^{o} Hazen's Regim^{t} and to be by him Accounted for.

Capt. John Carlile of Col^{o} Hazen's Regim^{t} is hereby appointed to issue the Articles allowed to the Officers and Soldiers of the Maryland part of the said Regim^{t} agreeable to the Act of Assembly in such Case made & Provided

Leonard Warring appointed Inspector of Nottingham Warehouse in Prince Georges County in the room of John Eversfield j^{r} who has resigned.

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Sir You will be pleased to present the enclosed Order on Mr Smith and receive from him the Linen he will deliver in Virtue thereof. The 200 Shirts we have already received, therefore you may give a Receipt for them on the Back of the Order.

[Council to Capt. Geo. P. Keeports]

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Sir We have transmitted you by Capt Carlile 62..10..0 of the new Emission of this State with which we request you to purchase the several Articles enumerated below, and deliver them to Capt Carlile, You will not give a higher Price in this Money, than in Continental Dollars, calculating one of these Dollars to be equal to forty.

384# brown Sugar, 6# Bohea Tea, 48# Soap, 48# Tobacco manufactured for Officers & 100# common Tob° for Soldiers.

[Council to Colo. Fitzgerald]

Sir We return you Thanks for yours of the 3d Inst and the Trouble you have been at, in receiving the Goods of Capt. Conway and request you will likewise secure, an acct of the State, the 18 or 20 ps of Raven's Duck, which you recommend, also the coarse Hose & Castile Soap. We are more in want of the Blankets than any of the other Articles and if the 4 Waggons we send, cannot bring all the Goods, we desire the Blankets may not be omitted.

Monday 9th October 1780

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Present as on Saturday.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Brigadier Genl Gist, Major Alexr Roxburgh of the 7 Regimt Capt. John Gale, Capt John Gassaway of the 2d Regimt each Cloth & Trimings suffi for a Suit of Cloaths & Linen for 2 Shirts on acct and also to Capt. Gassaway for the use of Ens Henry Gassaway of the 2d Regt Linen for 2 Shirts on Account.

That the said Commissary deliver to William Goldsmith 5 ℔s shoe thread to be retd

That the said Commissary deliver to Ens. Jacob Gray of the Regt Extra Cloth & Trimings for a Suit of Cloaths and Linen for 2 Shirts.

That the said Commissary deliver to Robt Denny Paymr & Clothier to the 7th Regimt 10 Coats, 6 vests, 21 pair Overalls 21 pr Shoes, 21 Hatts & 22 Shirts to be delivd to the Soldiers of the Maryland Line & to be by him accounted for to the Comy aforesaid

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Maj. Alexr Roxburgh of the 7th Regr forty Dollars of the new Emission to be accounted for on Acct of Stores.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. John Gale of the 2d Regimt forty Dollrs of the new Emission on Acct of Stores to be accounted for.

Liber C B No. 23 Benj[a] Mackall Esq[r] Lieut of Calvert County resigns his Commission.

p. 207 Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to John Bullen Esq[r] Quarter Master Thirty Pounds eighteen shillings and nine pence of the new Emission of this State on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to James Boyle Twelve thousand two hundred and fifty Pounds the Money lent to the State by him.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. John Gassaway of the 2[d] Regim[t] thirty Dollars of the new Emission on Account of Stores to be accounted for.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Crisall Twenty five Pounds of the new Emission on Acc[t]

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut John Chever six Pounds one shilling and ten pence of the new Emission in lieu of Two hundred and forty three Pounds, fifteen shillings due him ꝑ Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Maj[r] Dean on the 4th Reg[t] thirty Dollars of the New emission to be accounted for on Acc[t] of Stores.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. John J. Jacob four Pounds four shillings & four Pence of the new Emission in lieu of one hundred & sixty nine Pounds, seventeen shillings & six Pence due him ꝑ Acc[t] passed by the Aud. G[ll]

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Lloyd Beall Eight Pounds seventeen shillings of the new Emission in lieu of three hundred & fifty four Pounds, two shillings and six pence due him ꝑ Acc[t] passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Robert Denny Two Pounds thirteen shillings and three pence of the new Emission in lieu of one hundred & six Pounds Ten shillings due him for Stores ꝑ Acc[t] passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Ens John Sears six Pounds, one shilling and ten pence of the new Emission in lieu of Two hundred & forty three Pounds fifteen shillings due him for Stores ꝑ acc[t] passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Lieut John Chever of the Artillery 10 Gall[s] of Rum & 22½ ℔s Coffee—to Capt. John I. Jacob of the 6th Reg[t] 8 Gall[s] Rum & 18 ℔s Coffee to Capt Lloyd Beall of the 7th Reg[t] 14 Gall[s] Rum & 31½ ℔s. Coffee, to Lieut Rob[t] Denny of the 7 Reg[t] 14 Gall[s] Rum & 27½ ℔s Coffee and also to Ens John Sears of the 2[d] Reg[t] 10 Gall[s] Rum & 22½ ℔s Coffee deficiency of Stores due them to the 30 Septem[r] inclusive

Samuel Register appointed Inspector of Kingston Warehouse in Talbot County in the room of James Barnwell j[r] resigned and John

Manning appointed Inspector of the Head of St Leonards Creek warehouse in Calvert County in the room of Thomas Johnson Clifts resigned. Liber C B No. 23 p. 207

[Council to Colo. Henry Hollingsworth] Liber C C No. 22 p. 195

Sir Yours of the 30th Ult^o ꝑ Giles, we have received and are glad you have been relieved from the Major Part of the Horses delivered to you; those that are judged to be unfit for public Use, we wish you to have pastured on the best Terms you can. As the Assembly will meet next week we must wait their Determination to know what will be done with them, in the mean Time, we think, as little Expence ought to be incurred as possible, without injuring the Horses, and, if it was in our Power, would most readily relieve you from the Expense and Trouble of them, but cannot, now, order them to be sold in the manner you point out. Mr Lee & Mr Gilpin inform us they have Horses and Waggons which were procured for the Public, if they are such as are fit for Service, you will receive and have them delivered to the Continental Quartermaster in this State

Tuesday 10th October 1780.

October 10 Liber C B No. 23 p. 207

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Thomas Pyper four Pounds four shillings & six Pence of the new Emission in lieu of one hundred & seventy three Pounds due him ꝑ acc^t passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to James O Hara six Pounds of the new Emission allowed him by this Board from the 29th April last to this day by Virtue of a Resolution of the General Assembly of the 7th of August 1779.

That Mr Crisall deliver to Saml Chase or his order 1 Hhd. to be returned.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. William D. Beall of the 6th Reg^t Capt^s Samuel McPherson & John Mitchell Ensigns William Smoot John Boone of the 1st Reg^t and Ens. Mark McPherson of the 1st Brigade each Cloth & Trimmings suff^t for a Suit of Cloaths and Linen for 2 Shirts on Account. p. 208

That the western shore Treasurer pay to John Brice Esqr Fifty nine Pounds, two shillings and six Pence of the new Emission of this State due him to the 10th of May last as Council^r

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Johnson jun^r Forty six Pounds, three shillings & nine Pence due him ꝑ Acc^t passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Samuel Thomas 3^d Contractor for Horses—in Montgomery County Two hundred Pounds of the new Emission on Account.

Liber C B No. 23 That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. John Mitchell one hundred Dollars of the new Emission of this State, fifty Dollars to be delivered over to Ens David Luckett of the 1st Regt and the other Fifty Dollars to be delivered over to Ens John Nelson of the same Regimt in lieu of the Articles allowed them by the Act of Assembly passed July Session 1779.

That the said Treasurer pay to Ens Robert Green of the 7th Regimt seven Pounds two shillings and six Pence of the new Emission in lieu of Two hundred & Eighty five Pounds due him per Acct passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Ens John Boone of the 1st Regt Five pounds fifteen shillings & four pence of the new Emission in lieu of Two hundred & Thirty Pounds, twelve shillings & six Pence due him ꝑ Acct passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. William D. Beall of the 6th Regt Eight Pounds, ten shillings & seven pence of the new Emission in lieu of three hundred and forty one Pounds, five shillings due him for Stores ꝑ Acct passed by the Aud. Genl

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Ens. Robt Green of the 7th Regt 12 GallS Rum & 26l Coffee due him to the 21 Septr to Ens. John Boone of the 1st Regt 11 GallS Rum & 18¼ ls Coffee, to Capt. William D. Beall of the 6th Regt 14 GallS Rum & 31½ ꝗs Coffee due to the 30 Sept. inclusive and also Joseph White 10 Days rations for keeping a French Boy who was retaken & brought here in the Dolphin.

Richard Stonestreet appointed Inspector of Broad Creek warehouse in Prince Geo.s County in the room of John Lowe resigned.

October 11

Wednesday 11 October 1780

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Genl Gist Colos P. Adams & Forrest flannel suffl for a waistcoat each

That the said Commissary deliver to Ens. Henry Clements of the 3d Regt Cloth & Trimmings suffl for a Suit of Cloaths & Linen for 2 Shirts on Acct

That the Collector of the Tax for Prince Georges County pay to John Beall Contractor for Horses in said County 18000 ꝗs of Tobacco on Account.

That Joshua Cockey Collector in Baltimore County pay to Joshua Stevenson one of the Commissioners for supplying the Army &ca Two thousand Pounds on Acct

p. 209 Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to John Beall fifty one Pounds ten shillings of the new Emission of this State on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Ens. Henry Clements of the 3d Regimt five Pounds and four pence half Penny of the new Emission in lieu of Two hundred Pounds fifteen shillings due him ꝑ account passed by the Aud. Genl Liber C B No. 23

That the said Treasurer pay to Ens. William Smoot of the 1st Regimt eight Pounds Eleven shillings and nine pence of the Emission in lieu of three hundred and forty three Pounds ten shillings due him ꝑ acct passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. John Mitchell of the 1st Regimt Eight Pounds fourteen shillings and nine pence of the new Emission in lieu of three hundred and forty nine Pounds ten shillings due him ꝑ acct passed by the Aud. Genl

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Ens. Henry Clements of the 3d Regiment 13¾ GallS of Rum & 27 ℔s Coffee. to Ens William Smoot of the 1st Regimt 14 GallS Rum & 32 ℔s Coffee, & to Capt John Mitchell of the 1st Regimt 14 GallS of Rum & 31½ ℔bs. of Coffee due to the 30 Septemr Inclusive.

[Council to Colo. Jas. Hindman]

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Sir If it is convenient, we request you to send by Capt Middleton as much Flour as he will receive belonging to the State

[Council to William Hemsley Esqr.]

Sir If there is any of the Flour which we purchased of you, still remaining in your Hands, we request you will have it delivered to Capt Middleton

[Council to Colo. Thomas Price]

Sir. Yours of the 8th Inst we have received. All the Flour now remaining in your Hands, together with what you may collect, you will have transported to George Town and delivered to Mr Thomas Beall junr and as the Route is changed we hope it will, in some Measure remove the Difficulty of procuring Waggons. We request you to have the Shorts and Bran sold to the best Advantage you can, for the State, unless there is a Continental Quartermaster at Frederick who will give a Receipt for them, and think you have acted very properly in not separating the Midlings from the fine Flour, in this Manner we wish you to have the whole of the Wheat manufactured.

Thursday 12th October 1780

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Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Majr John Deane, three Pounds thirteen shillings and seven Pence half Penny

Liber C B No. 23 of the new Emission in lieu of one hundred and forty seven Pounds five shillings due him ꝑ Acc[t] passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Jonathan Parker Two pounds and six pence of the new Emission in lieu of Eighty one Pounds & Eight Pounds eight shillings and ten Pence in lieu of three hundred and thirty seven Pounds, twelve shillings & six Pence due him ꝑ Accounts passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Jesse Hollingsworth one thousand and Twenty three Pounds, fifteen shillings of the new Emission in lieu of Forty thousand nine hundred and Fifty Pounds due him for 10 hhds. of Rum purchased of him for the Maryland Troops by I Randall ꝑ his order.

That the said Treasurer pay to Jesse Hollingsworth Fifty Pounds of the new Emission to be delivered over to Thomas Langton in lieu of Two thousand Pounds due him for the like Sum lent the Continent by him in May last.

That the said Treasurer pay to Ens. John Sears of the 2[d] Reg[t] Two Pounds fifteen shillings and six Pence of the new Emission in lieu of one hundred & eleven Pounds due him ꝑ account passed by the Dep[y] Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Johnson jun[r] one hundred & fifty Pounds of the new Emission to be deliv[d] over to His Exc[y] Tho[s] S. Lee Esq[r] on Acc[t]

[Council to Mr. Thomas Donellan]

Sir We request you to send forward to the Head of Elk, all the Flour you have in your Possession and have it delivered to Col[o] Henry Hollingsworth. You will, in executing this Order, take care to reserve as much at your Post as may be wanted for immediate Consumption. M[r] Stevenson one of the Commissioners for Baltimore County informs us he has a large Quantity of Flour still in his Possession, you will call on him for it immediately.

[Council to Colo. Henry Hollingsworth]

Sir A Letter from the Commander in Chief, represents the Distress of the Army for want of Flour, to be exceeding great, and we are called on by Congress to send a Supply immediately, and do request you to deliver to Col[o] Yeates, all you have on Hand or may receive from M[r] Donnellan, or any of the Commissaries to be forwarded with the utmost Dispatch to Head Quarters. Let us know what Provision you have received since your last Return.

Friday 13th October 1780

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Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. Saml McPherson for the 1st M. Regimt 1 Coat 1 Jacket 5 pr Overalls 10 pr Stockgs 1 pr Shoes, 10 Shirts 10 Knapsacks & 2 hatts

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Ens. Jacob Crawford two pounds twelve shillings & ten pence half penny of the new Emission in lieu of one hundd & five Pounds fifteen shillgs ꝑ Acct passed by the D. Aud.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. Benjamin Price of the 2d Regt Cloth & Trimmings for a Suit of Cloaths and Linen for 2 Shirts on acct. p. 210

That the said Commissary deliver to Capt Francis Shepard of the Regimt Extra Cloth & trimmings for a Suit of Cloaths and Linen for 2 Shirts.

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Colo Alex Lawson Smith of the Regt Extra 18 Gallons Rum from the 1 Janry to the 1st Inst. & also 9 ℔s Coffee from the 1st Augt to the 1 Inst.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt William Beatty six Pounds, one shilling & four Pence half penny of the new Emission of this State in lieu of Two hundred and forty three Pounds fifteen shillings due him for Stores ꝑ acct passed by the D. Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Wilmot three Pounds, two shillings & three Pence of the new Emission in lieu of one hundred and Twenty four Pounds ten shillings due him ꝑ Account passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to James West Eight Pounds, three shillings & eleven pence half Penny of the new Emission in lieu of three hundred and Twenty seven Pounds eighteen shillings and nine Pence and also the further sum of four Pounds, eight shillings and ten pence half penny of the new Emission in lieu of one hundred and seventy seven Pounds, fifteen shillings due him per Accounts passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Samuel Luckett, four Pounds and three pence of the new Emission in lieu of one hundred and sixty Pounds, ten shillings ꝑ Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to John Johnson Two Pounds, ten shillings and seven Pence half penny of the new Emission in Lieu of one hundred and one Pounds, five shillgs due him ꝑ Acct passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Gilbert Middleton thirty five Pounds, sixteen shillings and three Pence of the new Emission in lieu of one thousand four hundred & thirty two Pounds, ten shillings due him ꝑ Acct passed by the Aud. Genl

Liber C B No. 23 That the said Treasurer pay to the Hon̄ble Daniel Carroll Esqr seventy five Pounds of the new Emission on Account

That the Collector of the Tax for St Mary's County pay to Joseph Ford Cont^{r} for Horses in said County Three thousand one hundred and Twenty five Pounds and also the further Sum of four thousand six hundred and ninety one Pounds ten shillings on Account

Liber C C No. 22 p. 197 [Council to Richard Dallam, Esqr.]

Sir We received yours of the 8th Ins^{t} If neither new Money, Tobacco, nor Orders on the Sheriff of the County will afford you the Means of obtaining the Supplies wanted for the Army, it is not in our Power to place any other in your Hands, at present, and are Sorry to find we are likely to fail in a County on which we put considerable Dependance. The General Assembly being to meet in a few Days, may probably make such Regulations as will enable us to direct your Conduct in the other Matters you mention, in the mean Time we request you not to make Contracts payable in hard Money and to forward all the Cattle, on the Hoof, you can, likewise what Flour you have on Hand, having just been inform'd by Congress that the Army is much in want of Provisions, Barrels will be very much wanted for the salt Provisions, and no Time should be lost in procuring them.

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Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Edwd Riely one Pound seventeen shillings and six Pence of the new Emission in lieu of seventy five Pounds ꝑ Acc^{t} passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut James Bruff four Pounds, seventeen shillings and six Pence of the new Emission in lieu of one hundred & ninety five Pounds due him for Stores ꝑ Acc^{t} passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Saml McPherson of the 1st Reg^{t} Thirty Dollars of the new Emission due him for Stores to be Accounted for

p. 211 Ordered That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Lieut James Bruff of the 6th Regim^{t} 8 Gall^{s} Rum & 18 ℔s Coffee. Lieut Samuel Luckett of the Reg^{t} Extra 4 Gall^{s} Rum & 9 ℔s Coffee. Capt. Vachel Burgess of the Reg^{t} Extra 4 ℔s Coffee. Capt. Benjamin Price of the 2^{d} Reg^{t} 13½ ℔s Coffee. Capt. Lieut Samuel Lane of the Reg^{t} Extra 9 ℔s Coffee Capt. Francis Shepard of the Extra Reg^{t} 4 Gall^{s} Rum & 9 ℔s Coffee. Lieut Edmond Moran of the 6th Reg^{t} 14 Gallons Rum and 40½ ℔s Coffee. Lieut John Plant of the Reg^{t} Extra

4 ℔s Coffee. Lieut Charles Magruder of the said Reg^{t} 5 ℔s Coffee & Lieut. Theo. Middleton of the said Regim^{t} 4 ℔s Coffee the Deficiences of Stores due them to the 30th September inclusive. Liber C B No. 23

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut James Bruff of the 6th Regim^{t} Cloth suff^{t} for a waistcoat and Breeches, Trimmings for the Breeches & Linen for 4 Shirts instead of an Order drawn on Capt. George Keeports the 27 March last and now returned.

That the said Commissary deliver to Col^{o} Peter Adams of the 1st Regim^{t} Cloth and Trimmings for a Suit of Cloaths and Linen for 2 Shirts on Account.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. Vachel Burgess Five Pounds and eleven Pence of the new Emission in lieu of Two hundred and Twenty one Pounds, seventeen shillings and six Pence due him ꝑ Acc^{t} passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Samuel McPherson Two Pounds eleven shillings and six Pence of the new Emission in lieu of one hundred & two Pounds ten shillings due him ꝑ Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Col^{o} William Webb Haddaway five Pounds six shillings and Eleven pence half Penny of the New Emission in lieu of Two hundred and thirteen Pounds, fifteen shillings due him ꝑ Acc^{t} passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. John Mitchell three Pounds, two shillings and Eleven Pence of the new Emission in lieu of one hundred and twenty five Pounds, seven shillings and six Pence due him ꝑ Acc^{t} passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Samuel Luckett one Pound thirteen shillings of the new Emission in lieu of Sixty six Pounds due him ꝑ Acc^{t} passed by the D. Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Ens Mark McPherson Two Pounds, Twelve shillings and seven Pence half penny of the new Emission in lieu of one hundred and five Pounds fifteen shillings due him ꝑ Account passed by the Dep^{y} Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to James McKubin seventy two Pounds, one shilling and Eleven pence half penny of the new Emission in lieu of Two thousand eight hundred and Eighty Pounds, Eighteen shillings and nine pence due him ꝑ Acc^{t} passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Benjamin Price of the 2^{d} Reg^{t} three Pounds, thirteen shillings & one Penny half penny of the new Emission in lieu of one hundred and forty six Pounds, five shillings due him for Stores ꝑ Acc^{t} passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Lt Saml Lane Two Pounds, six shillings and three pence of the new Emission in lieu of ninety

Liber C B No. 23 seven Pounds ten shillings due him ꝑ Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Rich[d] Cowman Contractor for Horses & Teams in A. A. County three hundred Pounds of the new Emission of this State on Account.

p. 212 Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. William Middleton nine Pounds of the new Emission of this State in lieu of three hundred & sixty Pounds due him ꝑ Account passed by the Dep[y] Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Francis Shepard of the Reg. Extra one Pound thirteen shillings of the new Emission in lieu of sixty six Pounds due him for Stores ꝑ Acc[t] passed by the A. G[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Robert Berry nine Pounds of the new Emission in lieu of three hundred and sixty Pounds per Acc[t] passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Edmond Moran of the 6th Reg[t] eleven Pounds, three shillings and four pence half Penny of the new Emission in lieu of four hundred and forty seven Pounds, fifteen shillings due him ꝑ Acc[t] passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Charles Magruder of the Reg. Extra four Pounds, fourteen shillings and one Penny half Penny of the new Emission in lieu of one hundred and Eighty eight Pounds, five shillings ꝑ Acc[ts] passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut. John Plant of the Reg[t] Extra Five Pounds Eight shillings and seven Pence of the new Emission in lieu of Two hundred and seventeen Pounds five shillings due him ꝑ Acc[ts] passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Theo. Middleton of the said Regim[t] five Pounds, three shillings and seven Pence of the new Emission in lieu of Two hundred and seven Pounds five shillings due him ꝑ Acc[ts] passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

John Smith Brookes Commissary of Purchases for Prince Georges County was empowered by us to give Certificates in Payment of Provisions of the Salt meat kind directed to be procured by the "Act to procure a Supply of Salt meat for the use of the Army" and according to that Act such Certificates are discountable in the present and future Assessments of the Holders thereof and ought to be refused by the Collectors.

[Council to Capt John Swan]

Liber C C No. 22 p. 197 Sir Our Inclination to alleviate the Distresses of our brave Officers in Captivity, as far as we are allowed, together with your Offer to contribute all in your Power to accomplish so desirable a

Purpose, has prompted us to send a Flag to New York with Necessaries and to solicit your Assistance Joshua Loring Esqr Commissary of Prisoners, in his Letter to Col^o Ramsay, says, the Commanding Officer in New York will admit of our sending only such Supplies as will be necessary for the immediate Use of the Officers, but he cannot think of allowing any Kind of Traffic. This Permission, though not soe extensive as we wish enables us to afford Relief to our Officers from Time to Time. We request you to engage such a Vessel as you esteem suitable for that Purpose, as speedily as possible and that you would purchase 4 thousand Pounds of Bacon or Pork; if you think you cannot procure it immediately, inform us as soon as you can, and what Expectation you have of Success, We prepose to send, besides the Bacon 66 Barrels of Flour, some Rum, Sugar Coffee and Tea and shall have £100 Gold to distribute amongst the Officers, Mrs. Chamier having engaged to pay that Sum in New York to our Order. Liber C C No. 22

[Council to Mr. Thomas Donellan]

Sir We received yours of the 13th Ins^t When we directed you to forward the Flour, it was not our Intention that such as was not fit for the use of the Army should be sent, but, that you should observe our former Instructions on that Head.

Monday 16th October 1780 October 16 Liber C B No. 23 p. 212

Present as on Saturday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. Samuel M. Lane, three Pounds, eighteen shillings and five pence of the New Emission in lieu of one hundred and fifty six Pounds, seventeen shillings and six Pence due him ꝑ Acc^t passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to William Worthington Ten Pounds, two shillings and six pence of the new Emission in lieu of Four hundred and five Pounds due him ꝑ Acc^t passed by A. G^l.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lt Samuel Hanson of the Reg^t Extra six Pounds, nine shillings and six pence of the new Emission in lieu of Two hundred and Fifty nine Pounds due him ꝑ Acc^t passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Alex^r C. Hanson Esqr Fifty six Pounds five shillings of the new Emission on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Richard Sprigg Esqr seven Pounds, ten shillings of the new Emission to be paid over to John Crisall on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Col^o Peter Adams three hundred and forty six Doll^rs & three fourths of a Dollar of the new Emission to be paid over to John Randall Com^ry of Cloathing on Acc^t

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Ordered That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Lieut Sam[l] Hanson of the Reg[t] Extra 9 ℔s Coffee deficiency of Stores to the 1st Inst. and also to Capt. William Middleton of the State Boat Dolphin 2 rations ꝑ Day for himself and one Ration for each of the Hands employed to navigate the said Boat.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Cap[t] William Beatty 14 Coats, 36 Jackets 1 p[r] Breeches, 10 p[r] Overalls, 12 Shirts 85 p[r] Stockings, 15 p[r] Shoes, 15 hats 85 Blankets, to be delivered over to the Soldiers in the Maryland Line and to be by him accounted for to the said Comm[y]

That the Armourer deliver to Capt. Benjamin Williams 45 Muskets complete with Accoutrements, 12 Boarding Pikes & 6 Cutlasses to be delivered over to Richard Barnes Esq[r] Lieut. of S[t] Marys County.

Commission issued to Benjamin Williams appointed Captain of the Barge called the Independence.

The Council have this Day agreed with Capt. William Middleton to command the State Boat Dolphin for six Months on the following Terms £ 9 hard money at the Exchange, 2 Gallons Rum ½ ℔ Bohea Tea, 8℔s Bro. Sugar and 4½ ℔s Coffee ꝑ month and 2 rations ꝑ Day.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer deliver to John Dorsey & Co. 94 hh[ds] Tobacco weighing 88,997 ℔s a 50£ ꝑ hund. and 4 ꝑ Cent amounting to forty six thousand two hundred and seventy eight pounds, ten shillings which this Board have sold them

That John Bullen Esq[r] Quarter Mast[r] deliver to Col[o] Alexander Lawson Smith of the Regim[t] Extra 1 Covered Ammunition Waggon to be charged to the Continent

That the western shore Treasurer pay to John Garreguies a Recruit enlisted for the 8th Regim[t] fourteen Pounds, one shilling and three pence of the new Emission in lieu of one thousand five hundred Dollars part of the Bounty engaged to be given him by Richard Dallam Lieut of Harford County as appears by his Letter to this Board of the 15th Inst to be charged to the said Richard Dallam.

That the said Treasurer pay to Monica Clifford eight Pounds, three shillings and one penny half penny of the new Emission in lieu of three hundred and Twenty six Pounds five shillings due ꝑ Acc[t] passed by the Dep[y] Aud.

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[Council to Colo. Alexr L. Smith]

Sir We request you will prepare to march agreeable to the Route fixed by the Board as soon as possible. It will be necessary that a sufficient Number of Officers should remain in this City to take

Charge of the Deserters that may be brought in, and these in the Hospitals, as well as to forward any Cloathing which may be deficient

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Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Armourer deliver to Capt. William Middleton what Oakum Tar and Rigging he may want from time to time for the use of the Dolphin.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to J. Langden one thousand three hundred and ninety five Pounds to be delivered over to Robt L. Hooe due him ꝑ Acct passed by the A. Gl

That the said Treasurer pay to Jennetta May five Dollars of the new Emission in lieu of seventy five Pounds due her ꝑ Acct passed by the Aud. Genl

[Council to Colo. Moses Rawlings]

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Sir We received yours of the 7th Inst As we have nothing but Money of the new Emission in the Treasury, which you write, will not answer your Purpose, it is not in our Power to Supply by this Opportunity. The Wheat of this year being of an extraordinary good Quality, we believe, if all the Produce, when ground, excepting the Bran & Shorts, is mixed, it will be fit for the Use of the Army. The Flour from your County is to be sent to the Southward, it will therefore be proper to forward it to George Town, to be delivered to Thomas Beall Junr

[Council to Henry Schenebely Esqr]

Sir We have received a Letter from the Quartermaster General, informing us that the Army have no Occasion for a further Supply of Horses & Waggons, it will therefore be proper to cease purchasing any more. Mr Calhoun has not any Linen on public Account as we know of, but should Colo Shyrock have any that he is satisfied belongs to the State, which is fit for the Purpose you mention, we hereby request him to deliver it to you. All the Provisions you have obtained excepting the Bran & Shorts and other Forage necessary for the Horses you employ, must be forwarded to George Town, as speedily as possible and delivered to Mr Thos Beall Junr at that Place. The Waggons & Teams you have purchased, may be employed in that Service, until you receive further Directions. We would send you a Sum of the new Money by this Opportunity, but are informed, it will not answer at present in your County, and do not think it proper to draw on the Clerk for the Ordinary License Money. In a short Time we hope to be able to send you a Sum of Money

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Wednesday 18th October 1780

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to John Crisall seven hundred and sixty nine Pounds, ten shillings on Account

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Thomas Harwood Esqr Continental Treasurer one thousand four hundred Dollars of the new Bills emitted by this State in lieu of Fifty six thousand Dollars of the Continental Bills of Credit part of the Quota of this State for the use of the united States.

That the said Treasurer pay to Ens. James Bickham of the Regt Extra, three Pounds five shillings and seven pence half penny of the new Emission in lieu of one hundred and thirty one Pounds, five shillings due him ꝑ Acct passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Richard Fenwick a Recruit for the 4th Regimt four Pounds four shillings and four pence half penny of the new Emission in lieu of four hundred and fifty Dollars the State and Continental Bounties.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Phillips an Express from Alexandria three hundred Dollars agreeable to a Resolution of Congress.

That the said Treasurer pay to James Mackubin fifty nine Pounds, fourteen shillings and three pence of the new Emission in lieu of Two thousand three hundred and eighty eight Pounds, eleven shillings and three pence due him ꝑ acct passed by the D. Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to John H. Stone Esqr one hundred Pounds of the new Emission on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Rogers Esqr Chancellor Seventy eight Pounds two shillings and six Pence of the new Emission in lieu of the three thousand one hundred and twenty five Pounds due him for 3 Months Salary to the 1st Inst.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Niven Eleven shillings and three Pence of the new Emission in lieu of Twenty two Pounds, ten shillings ꝑ Acct pasd by D. Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Jacob Hust nine Pounds five shillings and three pence of the new Emission in lieu of three hundred and seventy Pounds ten shillings due him ꝑ Acct passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Ens John T. Lowe of the 1st Maryd Regimt six Pounds, one shilling and ten pence half Penny of the new Emission in lieu of Two hundred and forty three Pounds, fifteen shillings due him for Stores ꝑ acct passed by the D. Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Archd Golder Paymaster to the Regimt Extra Two thousand Pounds of the new Emission on Account

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut. James Jn° Skinner of the 7th Regimt Cloth and Trimmings suffi for a Suit of Cloaths & Linen for 2 Shirts on Acct Liber C B No. 23

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Ens. John T. Lowe of the 1st Regt 10 Gallons of Rum and 22½ ℔s Coffee, deficiency of Stores to the 1st Instant

Thursday 19th October 1780 October 19

Present as on Yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Lieut. James Bruff Eighteen shillings and one penny half penny of the new Emission in lieu of thirty six Pounds five shillings due him ꝑ Acct passed by the D. Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Crisall Eighty nine Pounds five shillings ꝑ Account passed by the Depy Aud.

Ordered That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Capt. William Middleton of the Dolphin 30 ℔s Tallow and also to Lieut James Skinner of the 7th Regimt 13 GallS and 5 pints of Rum & 36 ℔s Coffee the depy of Stores due him to the 1st Inst. p. 215

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Thomas Gassaway Fifteen Pounds, twelve shillings and six Pence of the new Emission of this State in lieu of six hundred and Twenty five Pounds due him ꝑ Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Francis Shepard Two Pounds, nineteen shillings of the new Emission in lieu of one hundred and Eighteen Pounds due ꝑ Acct passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut James Skinner of the 7th Regimt seven Pounds fourteen shillings and six pence of the new Emission in lieu of three hundred and nine Pounds due him for Stores ꝑ Account passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. John Pitt Twenty two pounds sixteen shillings and eleven Pence farthing of the new Emission in lieu of nine hundred and thirteen Pounds, seventeen shillings and six Pence ꝑ Account passed by the Depy Aud.

That Mr Shaw deliver to John Muir 400 ℔s of old Iron

Commission of Letters of Marque and Reprisal issued to Robert Dashiell Commander of the Schooner Lady Lee, 90 Tons burthen navigated by 14 Men, mounting 4 Carriage Guns belonging to Joseph Williams, Isaac Harris and John Muir of Annapolis Maryland.

Warrant issued for the Execution of Thomas Taylor, condemned at Washington County Court 22d August last for Felony.

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[Council to James Calhoun Esqr]

Sir We this Day received yours of the 16th Inst & request you will forward to the Head of Elk, as Speedily as possible, all the Beef on the Hoof you can purchase. The Quality of the Bread you mention and the Difficulties you have met with in the Purchase of Flour induce us to desire you to accept of Mr Smith's Offer, provided the Price is agreeable to you. Enclosed are Notes for 40 Hogsheads of Tobacco, which you will please to sell on the best Terms you can, at not less than 50 £ ꝑ Cent and 4 ꝑ Cent for Cask. As Barrels will be wanted for salted Provisions for the Public, we request you to secure what, in your Iudgment may be sufficient for the Meat which you may procure

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Friday 20th October 1780.

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That Mr Shaw deliver to John Bullen Esqr 2 covered Ammunition Waggons, and also to Colo Peter Adams, I ℔ glaized Powder & 4 ℔s Lead to be Accounted for

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Lieut Robert Denny four Pounds and nine pence of the new Emission in lieu of one hundred and sixty one Pounds, ten shillings due him ꝑ Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Ens. John Boone four Pounds, seven shillings and seven pence half penny of the new Emission in lieu of one hundred and seventy five Pounds five shillings due him ꝑ Acct passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to John Shaw eleven hundred and seventy Pounds for cleaning the Public Arms and seventy nine Pounds, ten shillings and three pence of the new Emission in lieu three thousand one hundred and seventy six Pounds, ten shillings due him ꝑ Acct passed by the Aud. Gl

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Henry Baldwin of the 3d Reg. three Pounds eighteen shillings and nine Pence of the new Emission in lieu of one hundred and fifty seven Pounds ten shillings due him ꝑ acct passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer deliver to James Calhoun Esquire Commissary for Baltimore County 40 hhds of Tobacco on Account.

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Capt William Middleton 2 GallS of Rum and 4½ ℔s Coffee his Alla to the 16 Novr next, and also to Lieut Henry Baldwin of the 3d Regimt 12 GallS of Rum and 27 ℔s Coffee deficiency of Stores to the 1st Inst.

[Council to Delegates in Congress]

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Gentlemen In order to enable the Extra Regiment to proceed to the Southward, immediately, we have been under the Necessity of turning over to the Continental Treasurer in this State, two thousand Pounds of the new State Emission, amounting at 40 for 1, to eighty thousand Pounds. We request you to obtain a Warrant in Favor of Capt Arch^{d} Golder Paymaster of that Regiment, on Mr Harwood (that he may be justified in having paid it at our Request) for that Sum, in Part of the Monies appropriated agreeable to a Resolve of Congress in June last to the Supply of the Military Chest, and the Exigencies of the War in the Southern Department

[Council to Donaldson Yeates Esqr]

Sir We apprehend the Flour at Appoquiminink in the Delaware State, to be Part of what was obtained & forwarded by Messrs Gilpin, Coale & Cox, Comm̃rs of Cecil County. The following is a Remark on their Return, "David Willson at Appoquiminink Landing received about 320 Barrels of Flour of which he forwarded about 200 Barrels, has the Remainder in his Store, but delays sending it until he is paid for the Freight due." By a Letter from Mr Josiah Johnson Comm̃r of Kent County, 21st Augt last, we find he had delivered a Quantity of Grain and some Flour agreeable to the Directions of the Act of Assembly, at Duck Creek, and had applied to Mr Hollingsworth to receive it, which he did not think Proper to, at that Place. We have Reason to believe Flour has been sent by some other Comm̃rs to Duck Creek and from thence forwarded to the Army & do not know the Reason why Mr Johnson's was not likewise sent on; at any Rate, the State having sent the Flour to Places where there should have been Continental Officers to receive it, cannot be Subject to a Loss by a Delay and it is our opinion it ought to be received and considered at the Property of the United States, at the Time of Delivery there.

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Present as on yesterday.

Ordered that Mr John Shaw deliver to Capt. Gilbert Middleton of the State Boat plater what Oakum, Tar & Rigging he may want from time to time for the use of the said Boat.

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Capt Gilbert Middleton 2 rations ꝑ Day and 1 for each of his Hands and also 2 Gall^{s} Rum and 4½ ℔s Coffee his allowance to the 21st Nov^{r}

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Col^{o} Moses Rawlings Commissary for Washington County Two hundred and fifty Pounds of the new Emission on Account

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That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Plant Thirty Pounds of the new Emission to be delivered over to Capt. George P. Keeports on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Doct^r James Murray one hundred Pounds of the new Emission on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esqr one hundred and fifty Pounds of the new Emission on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Gilbert Middleton five Pounds, five shillings & five Pence half penny of the new Emission in lieu of Two hundred and ten pounds, Eighteen shillings and nine Pence due him for an Anchor purchased of him by the Gov. & Co. ꝑ Acc^t

That the said Treasurer pay to Robert Greenwell forty Dollars of the new Emission to be delivered over to Capt. Joseph Ford Commissary of St. Mary's County on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Woolf seven Pounds, seventeen shillings and six Pence of the new Emission in lieu of three hundred & fifteen Pounds ꝑ Acc^t passed by the A. G^l

That the Collector of the Tax for Washington County pay to Col^o Moses Rawlings Commissary for Washington County Twenty five thousand Pounds on Account.

[Duffil named from a town near Antwerp, is a coarse woolen cloth having a thick nap]

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Col^o Moses Rawlings as much of the Duffils from Alexandria as will make 20 Blankets for Capt. Reeds Comp^y at Fort Fred.

That Mr Fairbrother deliver to Capt. Beatty 12 Bushels of Corn stored with him by Capt. Chalmers this Board to be Accountable.

Capt. Gilbert Middleton took command of the State Boat Plater for six Months from the Date hereof at nine Pounds hard money at the Exchange of 2 Gall^s Rum, ½ ℔ Bohea Tea 8 ℔ Bro. Sugar & 4½ ℔ Coffee ꝑ month and 2 rations ꝑ day

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[Council to Henry Schenebely Esqr]

Sir If Col^o Rawlings should have Occasion for one or two of the Waggons and Teams in your Possession please to deliver them to him

[Council to Capt. Geo. P. Keeports]

Sir The Extra Regiment is now ready to march Southward and wait for nothing but to have their Waggons furnished with Geer. We therefore request you will immediately procure for Lieu^t Plant The Articles specified in the Enclosure, and, for that Purpose 30 £ of the State Emission are sent you. If you should find any Difficulty in buying with this Money we earnestly entreat you to buy on the Credit of the State or on your own, as the March of these Troops is very desirable.

3 p^{r} Breech Bands, 4 p^{r} Traces, 8 Collars, 8 Bridles, 4 Back Bands & 4 Belly Bands. Liber C C No. 22

[Council to ————]

Sir In Consequence of a Letter we have received from the Board of War relative to proper Guards to be furnished Col^{o} Rawlings, to secure the British Prisoners, we are under the Necessity of requesting you will immediately order one Officer and Sixty eight Rank & file to march to Fort Frederick and to receive their Directions from Col^{o} Rawlings.

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Present as on Saturday.

Ordered That the Collector of the Tax for Cecil County pay to John D. Thompson Lieut of said County six thousand Pounds to be by him Accounted for.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to James Brice Esqr one hundred Dollars of the new Emission in part of his Salary on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Richd Bird of the 5th Reg^{t} three Pounds, fourteen shillings & six pence of the new Emission in lieu of one hundred & forty eight Pounds ten shillings ꝑ Acc^{t} pass^{d} by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Jno Chever one pound, ten shill^{gs} & four pence half penny in lieu of Sixty Pounds fifteen shillings due him ꝑ acc^{t} passed by the Aud. Genl

Ordered That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Capt Richard Bird of the 5th Regim^{t} thirteen and an half Gallons of Rum and thirteen & an half Pounds of Coffee the deficiency of Stores to the 1st Inst.

That John Brice Esqr receive out of the State Shop 1 ℔ of Salt Peter

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. Richard Bird of the 5th Regim^{t} Cloth & Trimmings suff^{t} for a Suit of Cloaths and Linen for 2 Shirts on Account and also to Lt John Chever of the late Capt. Gales Comp^{y} of Artillery 1 Coat, 1 Vest, 1 p^{r} Stockings 1 p^{r} Shoes and 1 Shirt.

[Council to Capt. Geo P. Keeports] Liber C C No. 22 p. 200

Sir. We have received yours of the 22^{d} Inst^{t} by Lieu^{t} Plant. We wish you to purchase the Blankets you engaged the Refusal of, at four silver Dollars or the Exchange in Paper Money, provided they will answer the intended Purpose, in Point of Size and Quality

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[Council to Jno Smith Brooks, Esqr]

Sir We request you to deliver Col° Smith or his Order, what Provisions he may have Occasion to draw for his Regiment

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Tuesday 24th October 1780

Present as on yesterday

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. Samuel Cock of the Regt Extra one Pound thirteen shillings of the new Emision in lieu of sixty six Pounds ꝑ Acct passd by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Chs Smith of the said Regt Five Pounds, two shillings and one penny half penny of the new Emission in lieu of one hundred & six Pounds, fifteen shillings and ninety seven Pounds ten shillings due him ꝑ acct passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to the said Capt. Chs Smith nine Pounds, seventeen shillings of the new Emission in lieu of three hundred & ninety five Pounds, fifteen shillgs for stores, Expence of Cloathing and necessaries for the Regimt Extra ꝑ Accts passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Saml Cock four Pounds, six shillings & one penny of the new Emission in lieu of one hundred & seventy two Pounds fifteen shillgs ꝑ Acct passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Benja Murdock of the Regt Extra five Pounds seventeen shillings and four Pence half penny of the new Emission in lieu of sixty six Pounds & one hundred and sixty eight Pounds fifteen shillings due him ꝑ Acct passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Jeremiah Townley Chase Esqr Seventy five Pounds of the new Emission on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Benjamin Price Two pounds sixteen shillings & four pence half penny of the new Emission in lieu of one hundred and twelve Pounds fifteen shillings ꝑ Acct passed by the Aud. Gl

That the said Treasurer pay to Jonathan Parker six Dollars of the new Emission on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to James McCubbin Eight Pounds, six shillings & eight pence of the new Emission in lieu of three hundred & thirty three Pounds, six shillings & eight pence ꝑ Acct passed by the Depy Aud.

That the Commissary of Issues deliver to Capt Saml Cock of the Regt Extra 4 ℔ Coffee and also to Capt. Benj. Murdock of the same Regt 4½ ℔s Coffee deficy of Stores to the 1st Inst.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Maj Edwd Giles of the Reg^{t} Extra 2 Shirts in part of the Articles all^{d} by the Genl Assembly and also to Capt. Richd Bird of the 5th Regim^{t} 1 hat, 1 Coat, 1 vest, 1 Shirt, 1 p^{r} Stockings 1 p^{r} Overalls and 1 p^{r} Shoes for James Durgon ap ser in. s^{d} Reg^{t} Liber C B No. 23

That Mr Fairbrother deliver to Lieut Saml Hanson 20 Bushels of Corn stored by Mr John Chalmers with him this Board to be Accountable

[Council to James Calhoun Esqr] Liber C C No. 22 p. 201

Sir We wrote to you the 19th Ins^{t} by Lieu^{t} Plant, and enclosed Notes for 40 Hogsheads of Tobacco, which we shall be glad to know were received, Mr Donnellan has Directions to have the condemned Flour baked into Bread proper for the Use of the Army, and if he should want any Midlings or Ship Stuff for that Purpose, we request you to supply him

Wednesday 25th October 1780 October 25 Liber C B No. 23 p. 217

Present as on yesterday

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt Wm Middleton Fifty Dollars of the new Emission on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esqr one hundred and fifty Pounds of the new Emission on Acc^{t}

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Rigby Foster, Five Pounds, thirteen shillings and nine pence of the new Emission of this State in lieu of Two hundred and Twenty seven Pounds, ten shillings due him ꝑ Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Sprigg Esqr Thirty six Pounds, nineteen shillings and Eight pence of the new Emission in lieu of one thousand four hundred and seventy nine Pounds, seven shillings and nine pence for the use of Nich^{s} Hockey ꝑ Acc^{t} passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut George Jacob of the 6th Reg^{t} six Pounds, seven shillings & six Pence of the new Emission in lieu of Two hundred and fifty five Pounds for Stores ꝑ Acc^{t} passed by the Aud. G^{l}

That the said Treasurer pay to Levin Denwood Surgeon to the 7th Reg^{t} four pounds, seventeen shillings & six pence of the new Emission in lieu of one hundred & ninety five Pounds for Stores per Acc^{t} passed by the Aud. G^{l}

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. William Wilmott of the 3^{d} Reg^{t} Three Pounds, eleven shill^{gs} & three pence of the new Emission in lieu of one hundred & forty two pounds, ten shillings for Stores ꝑ Acc^{t} passed by the Aud. Genl

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That the said Treasurer pay to John Crisall Five thousand Pounds to be expended in the Purchase of Beef and to be by him Accounted for.

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Capt. William Wilmott of the 3d Regt 12 Galls Rum & 21 ℔s Coffee Lieut George Jacob of the 6th Regt 12 Galls Rum & 27 ℔s Coffee and Levin Denwood Surgeon of the 7 Regmt 8 Galls Rum & 18 ℔s Coffee deficiency of Stores to the 1s Inst.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. William Wilmott & Levin Denwood each Cloth and Trimmings for a Suit of Cloaths and Linen for 2 Shirts on Account.

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[T. Johnson Jr. to Benja Stoddert Esqr Secry to the Board of War]

Sir The Governor & Council received your Letter of the 21st Inst and have directed me to inform the Board of War through you, that the State Regiment marched from this City this Morning, and have Orders to take the lower & direct Route to join the Southern Army. The Tents are much wanted & will be forwarded with all possible Expedition, to the Troops as soon as received here.

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Thursday 26th October 1780

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Samuel Chase Esqr four hundred Pounds of the new Emission to be delivered over to John Dorsey & Co on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to David Crauford Esqr Twelve shillings of the new Emission in lieu of Twenty four Pounds to be delivered over to Frank Leek Esqr ꝑ Acct passed by the D. Audr

That the said Treasurer pay to Majr Edwd Giles six Pounds, twelve shillings and nine Pence of the new Emission in lieu of Two hundred and sixty five Pounds, ten shillings to be delivered over to Colo Alexander L. Smith ꝑ Acct passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Robert Nixon Eighteen Shillings and nine pence of the new Emission in lieu of Thirty seven pounds ten shillings due him ꝑ acct passed by the D. Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Edmd Compton of the 1st Regt three Pounds fifteen shillings & four pence half penny of the new Emission in lieu of one hundred & fifty Pounds, fifteen shillings ꝑ Acct passed by the D. Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Majr Edwd Giles Two Pounds, nine shillings and three pence of the new Emission in lieu of ninety eight Pounds, twelve shillings & Six Pence to be delivered to Lieut John Plant ꝑ acct passed by the D. Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Brice Esqr seven Pounds thirteen shillings and nine Pence of the new Emission in lieu of Three hundred & Seven Pounds ten shillings due him ꝑ acc^{t} pass^{d} by the A. G^{l} Liber C B No. 23

That Mr John Shaw deliver to Allen Quynn Esqr 1 Barrel of Tar to be ret^{d} or paid for

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Lieut Edm^{d} Compton of the 1st Reg^{t} 11½ Gall^{s} Rum and 18 ℔s Coffee due him for Deficiency of Stores to the 1st Inst.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to the said Lieut Compton, Cloth & Trimmings for a Suit of Cloaths & Linen for 2 Shirts on Account.

Commission of Letters of Marque & Reprisal issued Gen'r Chadwick Commander of the Schooner Fountain 50 Tons burthen, navigated by 20 Men mounting 8 Carriage Guns and 4 Swivels, belonging to Richard Curson & Comp^{y} of Baltimore. p. 219

Friday 27th October 1780 October 27

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Major Edward Giles of the Regim^{t} Extra four Blankets for the use of the said Regim^{t}

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Arch^{d} Job Esqr Thirteen Pounds, seven shillings and six Pence of the new Emission in lieu of Five hundred and thirty five Pounds to be delivered over to Corn^{s} Bradley who was a 9 months Soldier in the 6th Regim^{t} and was regularly discharged, allowed him by this Board instead of the Articles specified in the Act of Assembly to procure Troops for the American Army.

That the said Treasurer pay to Ens. Jacob Crauford of the 2^{d} Regim^{t} Two Pounds, eight shillings and nine pence of the New Emission in lieu ninety seven pounnds, ten shillings for Stores ꝑ acc^{t} pass^{d} by the Dep^{y} Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Brewer, four Pounds & three pence of the new Emission in lieu of one hundred and sixty Pounds, ten shillings due him ꝑ Acc^{t} passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Onner Wilkins one Pound seventeen shillings & six Pence of the new Emission in lieu of seventy five Pounds ꝑ acc^{t} passed by the Dep^{y} Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Wilkins and McHard ninety seven Pounds, ten shillings of the new Emission due them ꝑ Acc^{t} passed by the Aud. Genl

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That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Ens. Jacob Crauford of the 2d Regimt 4 GallS Rum and 9lS Coffee deficiency of Stores due him to the 1st Inst.

Thomas Pitt appointed Inspector of Ennall's Ferry Warehouse in Dorchester County in the room of Joseph Ennalls resigned.

Richard Bennett Lloyd Esqr a Native of this State now in the City of New York is Recommended to His Excellency General Washington, the Governor of the State of Jersey and to the Officer Commanding at Elizabeth Town for their Permission to pass the American Lines and through Jersey, with his Family and Baggage, for the Purpose of returning to this State.

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[Council to Mr. Thomas Donnellan]

Sir Capt Gibson will deliver you a Quantity of Wheat from Colo James Hindman, which we request you will have manufactured as speedily as possible

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Saturday 28 October 1780

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Baruch Williams Commissary of Purchases for Cecil County five hundred Pounds of the new Emission on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Alice Redman Five Dollars of the new Emission in Lieu of seventy five Pounds due her ꝑ Acct passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Mary Fennell five Dollars of the new Emission in Lieu of Seventy five Pounds due her ꝑ Acct passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Warren Dent Esqr five hundred Pounds of the new Emission to be delivered over to Daniel Jenifer Commissary of Purchases for Charles County on Account.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt Charles Jordan of the 1st Regimt and Ens. Charles Murdock of the 6th Regt Cloth and Trimmings for a Suit of Cloaths and Linen for 2 Shirts, each, on Account.

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Commission issued to William Waters of Wm appointed Lieut Colo in the room of Peter Waters & Thomas Irving Majr in the room of Thomas Bruff belonging to the Princess Ann Batt. in Somerset County.

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[Council to Thomas Jenifer, Esqr]

Sir We received your Favor of the 24th Inst and have sent you five hundred Pounds of the new Emission and would have sent you the sum of Continental Money you require, but our Treasury is exhausted and it is out of our Power to procure it at present

Monday 30 October 1780

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Present as on Saturday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Roger Dowling a soldier in the 6th Maryland Regimt Ten Shillings of the new Emission in lieu of Twenty Pounds allowed him by the Act relating to the Officers and soldiers &ca instead of the Articles therein mentioned.

That the said Treasurer pay to Edward Owings four Pounds, two shillings & six Pence of the new Emission in lieu of seventy five Pounds & ninety Pounds due him ꝑ Acct passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Jonathan Parker an Express engaged agreeable to the Resolution of Congress one hundred and fifty Dollars on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Gilbert Middleton Five Pounds, five shillings & four pence half penny of the new Emission in lieu of ninety Pounds fifteen shillings due him ꝑ Acct passed by the Dep. Audr

That the said Treasurer deliver to Charles Williamson Esqr 7 hhds. of Tobacco to be delivered over to Thomas Jones Contractor for Horses in Calvert County on Account.

That the said Treasurer deliver to James Calhoun Esqr Commissary for Baltimore County 100 hhds of Tobacco on Account.

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Capt. Gilbert Middleton of the Plater 7½ Galls of Rum the allowance to the Hands of said Boat.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt Gilbert Middleton 2 ℔s Marline and also 2 Shirts, 1 Upper & 1 under Jacket, 2 pr Stockings 1 pr Shoes and 1 pr Breeches for Negro Michael belonging to the State

That Mr John Shaw Armourer deliver to Capt. Gilbert Middleton of the Plater 15 ℔s Cannon & 5 ℔s Musket Powder, 3 ℔s Match rope. 10 ℔s Musket Ball, 1 Powder horn & Pricker, 1 Quire Cartridge Paper 50 Gun flints & 6 pr Handcuffs.

[Council to General Smallwood]

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Sir The Plan for a new Establishment of the Army, lately adopted by Congress renders it necessary that we should be furnished as soon as possible with a full and accurate Return of the Troops belonging to our State, to lay before the General Assembly, that proper and effectual Measures may be concerted to complete the Quota assigned to this State, with the utmost Expedition. The Return of the Maryland Troops transmitted to us by his Exy Genl Washington,

Liber C C No. 22 is defective inasmuch as the Remains of the Delaware Regiment are included without any Discrimination. We request you to send us a Return as Speedily as you can.

[Council to His Exy Govr. Jefferson]

p. 202 Sir We received your Favor of the 26th Inst and can assure your Excellency, our Inclination to relieve your State from its present embarrassing Difficulties and to prevent the Attention of the Militia being diverted from a vigorous Opposition to the invading Enemy, will prompt us to render, most chearfully, every necessary Aid in accommodating the Convention Troops, when removed to Fort Frederick with what Provisions we can spare; but the eventual Measures taken by this State for supplying them, were only calculated for a partial Subsistence, because we expected your State would provide Magazines, at or in the Neighbourhood of the Fort according to the Resolution of Congress referred to by your Excellency

[Council to Capt. Philemon Warfield]

Sir We request you to send immediately 2 Barrels of Cannon & 2 Kegs of Musket Powder and that you employ your Cart for that Purpose.

[Council to James Calhoun Esqr.]

Sir Yours of the 25th Inst we have received. We think the Bread which Mr Smith would sell, is high and ought to be of the first Quality to command that Price; yet, as we are circumstanced we should be glad to secure at least 500 Barrels of it, and request you to purchase that Quantity, if to be had on the Terms you mention, and Mr Smith will wait for the Part to be paid in Continental, until the Sale of the Tobacco which we enclose, and which you will sell agreeable to our former Instructions, for Continental Money. You will advise us by the first Opportunity whether this and a further Quantity of Tobacco can be disposed of, if so, we shall have Occasion to draw Part of the Money out of your Hands to answer other Purposes.

Tuesday 31 October 1780

October 31 Liber C B No. 23 p. 220 Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That Clement Briscoe one of the Collectors of the Tax for St Marys County pay to Joseph Ford Commissary for said County one thousand nine hundred and seventy five Pounds on Acct

That Richard Clarke one of the Collectors for said County pay to the said Joseph Ford Two thousand Pounds to be by him Accounted for. Liber C B No. 23

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Simon Nicholls three hundred pounds of the new Emission to be delivered over to Thomas Richardson Commissary of Montgomery County on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to Henry Baldwin, seven Pounds, nineteen shillings and six Pence of the new Emission in lieu of three hundred & nineteen Pounds due him ꝑ Acc^{t} pass^{d} by the A. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Francis Fairbrother seven Pounds, four shillings of the new Emission in lieu of Two hundred & Eighty eight Pounds due him ꝑ Acc^{t} passed by the Aud^{r} Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. John Hamilton Two Pounds, twelve shillings and six Pence of the new Emission in Lieu of one hundred and five Pounds, Two shillings & six Pence due him ꝑ acc^{t} passed by the Dep^{y} Aud^{r}

Ordered That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Capt. William Middleton of the Dolphin 4 ℔s Candles and 6 Gallons of Rum the Allowance for 4 hands ꝑ month. p. 221

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt William Middleton 1½ yds Coarse Stuff for Grape Shott and 6 hanks Marline for the use of the Dolphin.

That the said Commissary deliver to Capt. John Hamilton 3 hats, 3 Coats, 3 Vests 7 p^{r} Breeches 7 Shirts, 7 p^{r} Shoes, 7 p^{r} Stockings 7 p^{r} Overalls & 7 Blankets for the use of the 4th Regim^{t}

That John Shaw Armourer deliver to Capt. William Middleton, 6 Match Stocks 5 ℔ Match rope 25 ℔s Buck Shott & Musket Ball, 1 Quire Cartridge Paper, 6 ℔s Musket and 30 ℔^{s} Cannon Powder for the Dolphin.

Commissions issued to Joshua Marsh appointed Capt. in the room of Henry Howard Richard Cromwell Capt. in the room of Luke Wylie, Walter Bosley 1st Lieut. and Benjamin Talbott Capt in the room of John Cockey, belonging to the Gun Powder Upper Battalion of Militia in Baltimore County.

Mr Chase and Mr Hall from the House of Delegates inform his Excell^{y} that a sufficient number of Members are convened to Proceed to Business

Wednesday 1st November 1780

November 1 Liber C B No. 23 p. 221

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to John Davidson Two hundred and forty Pounds due him ꝑ Acc^{t} passed by the Aud. Genl

Liber C B No. 23 That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Clement Skerret of Col° Harrisons Reg^t of Artillery, six Pounds, one shilling & ten pence, half penny of the new Emission on Account of Stores.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. John Hamilton of the 4th Maryl^d Regim^t Six Pounds one shilling and ten pence half Penny of the new Emission on Account of Stores.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Ignatius Boone of the Regim^t Extra three Pounds one shilling & one Penny half penny in lieu of one hundred & twenty two Pounds five shillings for Stores ꝑ Acc^t passed by the Dep^y Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Jonathan Parker Express one hundred & fifty Dollars on Acc^t

That the said Treasurer pay to Robert Reith Messenger to the Govr and Council one hundred and Twenty five Pounds for 1 Month Salary to this Day.

That the said Treasurer pay to Richard Haff Two hundred & sixteen Pounds seventeen shillings and seven Pence half Penny of the new Emission in lieu of Eight thousand six hundred and seventy five Pounds, five shillings and nine Pence half Penny due himself and Guard over the Magazine near Frederick Town ꝑ Acc^t passed by the Aud Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to William Hyde Ass^t Ct to the Govr & Council Eight hundred and thirty three Pounds six shillings and Eight Pence due for 2 m° Salary to this Day.

That the said Treasurer deliver to James Calhoun Esqr 200 hh^ds Tobacco on Acc^t

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Capt. John Hamilton of 4 Reg^t 10 Gall^s Rum & 22½ ℔s Coffee, Lieut Clement Skerret of Col° Harrisons Reg^t of Artillery 10 Gall^s Rum and 22½ ℔s Coffee and also to Lieut Ignatius Boone of the Regim^t Extra 4 Gall^s Rum & 13½ ℔s Coffee for Deficiency of Stores to the 31st Oct. Inclusive

p. 222 Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut Clement Skerret of Col° Harrison's Reg^t of Artillery Cloth & Trimmings suff^t for a Suit of Cloaths & Linen for 2 Shirts for himself and also Linen for 2 Shirts for Lieut James Mcfadon & 2 for Lieut Robt Wilmott of same Reg^t on Acc^t

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[Council to Colo. Thomas Price]

Sir We request you to supply the Guard on the Magazine at Frederick Town with Provisions & such Articles as are necessary on Returns being made by the Person who has it in Charge.

[Council to James Calhoun Esqr.]

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Sir Since writing you on the 30th Ult° we have concluded to send you an additional Quantity of 200 Hogsheads of Tobacco, which we request you to sell for the highest Price you can obtain in Continental Money, Before the Tobacco is delivered the Money must be paid, which you will immediately transmit to us, as it is to answer some urgent and indispensable Demands, as soon as you receive 20,000 £ or more, please to forward it to us. Messrs Langton & Hammond have applied to us to purchase Tobacco, you will therefore make them an Offer before you sell.

[Council to the Purchasers of Waggons & Teams & Horses]

Sir As we are informed that it is unnecessary to forward to the Army any more Waggons or Horses, we request you will decline purchasing and close your Accounts.

Thursday 2d November 1780

November 2 Liber C B No. 23 p. 222

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to William Magruder Contractor for Horses in Frederick County six hundred and Twenty five Pounds of the new Emission on Acct

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Edward Edgerly of the 2d Regimt seven Pounds, nineteen shillings & eleven pence of the new Emission in lieu of Three hundred & nineteen Pounds, seventeen shillings and six Pence due him ꝑ Account passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Benjamin Price of 2d Regt one Pound four shillings & four Pence half Penny of the new Emission in lieu of Forty eight Pounds fifteen shillings due him ꝑ Acct passd by the D. Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Bowles Twenty Dollars of the new Emission to be delivered over to Joseph Ford on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Daniel Jenifer Esqr Commissary of Purchases for Charles County one thousand Pounds of the new Emission on Account

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. Alexander Trueman of the 6th Regiment Cloth and Trimmings for a Suit of Cloaths and Linen for 2 Shirts on acct Lieut. Edward Edgerly of the 2d Regimt Linen for 2 Shirts deficiency of Cloathing for the year 1780 and also to Nicholas Macnemara a Disabled Soldier of the 1st Regt 1 Blanket & 1 Coat

That the Collector of the Tax for Washington County pay to Joshua Dorsey Contractor for Horses in Ann Arundel County one thousand four hundred and thirty Pounds ten shillings to be by him Accounted for.

Liber C B No. 23 That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Lieut. Edward Edgerly of the 2d Regt 2 GallS of Rum and 4½ ℔s Coffee, and Benjamin Price of the said Regimt 2 GallS Rum & 4½ ℔s Coffee the allowance for the month of October. and also to Capt William Middleton 17 Bushels Salt in Barrels to be by him delivered to Colo William Hemsley.

November 3 Friday 3d November 1780

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Nicholas Thomas Esqr ninety three Pounds fifteen shillings of the new Emission in lieu of three thousand seven hundred and fifty Pounds fifteen shillings of the new Emission in lieu of three thousand seven hundred and fifty Pounds due him in part of his Salary as Judge of the General Court to the 1st Instant.

That the said Treasurer pay to Adam Miller three Pounds eighteen shillings of the new Emission in lieu of one hundred and fifty six Pounds due him ꝑ acct passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt Lt Francis Revelly of the 3d Regt four Pounds, seventeen shillings & six Pence of the new Emission in lieu of one hundred & ninety five Pounds ꝑ acct passd by the D. Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Brewer Ten pounds of the new Emission in lieu of Four hundred Pounds due him ꝑ Acct passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Allen Quynn three Pounds, eleven shillings and six Pence of the new Emission in lieu of one hundred and forty three Pounds, one shilling and three pence due him ꝑ acct passed by the D. Aud.

p. 223 Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt Lieut Francis Revelly of the 3d Regimt and William Kelty Surgeon to the 5th Regimt each Cloth and Trimmings for a Suit of Cloaths and Linen for 2 shirts on Account.

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Capt. Lieut. Francis Revelly 17 GallS Rum and 18 ℔s Coffee deficiency of Stores due him to the 1st Instant

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt John Gassaway four Pounds, nine shillings and two pence of the new Emission in lieu of one hundred and seventy eight Pounds, seven shillings and six Pence due him ꝑ acct passed by the Depy Aud.

Liber C C No. 22 p. 203 [Council to His Ex'y Govr Levingston]

Sir At the Request of the Delegates of Maryland, I do myself the Honor of soliciting your Excellency's Passport for the safe

Conveyance of Doct^r Upton Scott with his Cloathing and Medicine, from the City of New York through the State of Jersey Liber C C No. 22

[Council to Capt William Middleton]

Sir You are immediately to proceed with the Dolphin & Plater State Boats under your Command, down the Bay to Mr Wm Hemsley's and deliver the Salt you have on Board to such Person, as he shall direct. You are then to take in 4 Barrels of Pork for the Use of your Vessels and proceed down the Bay to Snow Hill on Pocomoke River, and when you arrive there, you are to inform Mr William Wise of your Business. You are to take under your Convoy two Sloops laden with Pork & Corn, and all other Vessels loaded with Provision for the State and return with all Expedition to the City of Annapolis. In pursuing these Instructions, you are to act with the greatest Caution and Vigilence, keeping a good Lookout.

[Gov. Lee to the General Assembly] p. 204

Gent^n The Office of Register of Wills for Ann Arundel County, became vacant in the Recess of the General Assembly, by the Death of Mr Vallette, and, according to the Form of Government, with the Advice of the Council, I appointed and commissioned Mr Thos. Gassaway to hold that Office, untill the Meeting of the General Assembly.

[Council to Charles Blake Esqr.]

Sir Yours of the 28th Ult^o we have received. As the Price of Wheat is raised, we suppose you will not be able to purchase below the Market Price, but we wish you to be cautious and not let the Purchase of a few Bushels influence your Conduct. We have transmitted to you by Maj^r Gale 250£ of the late Emission of this State, it being the only Kind of Money we can command. Mr Hemsley has sold us 21 Head of Cattle, six of which he is to have Slaughtered and barrelled; the Residue is to be delivered to you, which we request may be forwarded to the Head of Elk with those you purchase.

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Present as on yesterday.

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. John Gassaway of the 2^d Regim^t 1 pair of Stockings on Account.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt John Gale Two hundred and fifty Pounds of the new Emission to be delivered over to Charles Blake Esqr on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Crisall thirty seven Pounds ten shillings of the new Emission on Account.

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That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. John Gassaway five thousand Dollars Contin[l] Currency to reimburse him for his reasonable expences in coming to Maryland on behalf of the Captured Officers belonging to this State now in South Carolina and to enable him to return "agreeable to his Parole" according to a Resolution of the Gen[l] Assembly passed this Day.

Permission is hereby given to Mary Wilson of this State and Elizabeth & Alice McCarter, the two latter Children of a certain William McCarter now in the City of New York neither of whom exceeds Eight years of Age, to solicit Leave from His Excellency Gen[l] Washington or the Commanding Officer at the Out Posts of the American Army at Elizabeth Town to go into the City of New York.

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[Council to George Murdock Esqr]

Sir We request you would furnish Col[o] Moses Rawlings, for Continental Uses, with what Pork and Flour you have on Hand, when he applies.

[Council to His Exy Governor Levingston]

Sir Since I had the Honor of addressing your Excellency yesterday, by M[r] Key, the Delegates of Maryland have resolved that the Conditions contained in the Enclosure should be annexed to the Recommendation of M[r] Scott to your Excellency, I have therefore to request, the desired Passport may be granted to M[r] Scott on his complying with the Terms prescribed

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Monday 6th November 1780.

Present as on Saturday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Daniel Carroll Esq[r] Seventy five Pounds of the new Emission on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Col[o] Job Garretson, Thirteen Pounds, eleven shillings and fiev Pence of the new Emission in lieu of one hundred and ninety five Pounds two shillings and six Pence and three hundred and forty seven Pounds, fifteen shillings ꝑ Acc[t] passed by the Dep[y] Aud.

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[Council to Colo. Moses Rawlings]

Sir Governor Jefferson has informed us that the Executive of Virginia have given Orders for the Removal of the Convention Troops from that State, to Fort Frederick to prevent an Attempt being made by the Enemy to rescue them out of their Hands. We thought it necessary you should be apprized of this Order, that Preparation might be made for their Reception & support. M[r]

Murdock, Commissary of Frederick County has our Directions to supply you with what Pork and Flour he has on Hand, when Application is made by you. It is not in our Power to supply you with any Continental Money; it is expected some Measures will be taken by the General Assembly to promote the Circulation of the new Emission, and shall lay your Letter before them. We have requested Col° Forrest to send up such of the Soldiers of the Extra Regiment, rejected by the Board of War, as are able to march at this Time. The Pay of the Soldiers in Capt Reid's Company, is the same with those in the Line. Mr Jacobs likewise has an Order for the Cloathing desired. Liber C C No. 22

[Council to Andrew Buchanan Esqr. Lieut of Balt County]

Sir The Enclosure is a Copy of Governor Jefferson's Letter, received this Day by Express. We are not inclined to believe the Possession of Baltimore Town is an Object with the British Army now in Virginia, yet, as the Fleet and Army still remain in that State and its Neighbourhood, and their future Designs not clearly indicated by their past Conduct, we wish, in this State of uncertainty and Doubt, that you may not be wholly unprepared for their Reception, nor, on the other Hand, put the State to Expense in Preparations to frustrate their supposed Intentions. Your Orders to the Militia in Baltimore Town and its Vicinity, to hold themselves in Readiness, at a short Notice, we think the most eligible Measure under present Circumstances.

Tuesday 7th November 1780 November 7 Liber C B No. 23 p. 223

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Eleanor Allen one Pound twelve shillings and six Pence of the new Emission in lieu of sixty five Pounds ꝑ Acc^t passed by the Dep^y Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Shaw Three Pounds fifteen shillings of the new Emission in lieu of one hundred and fifty Pounds due him ꝑ Acc^t passed by the Dep^y Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Ignatius Boone Five Pounds, Two shillings and nine Pence of the new Emission in lieu of Two hundred and five Pounds ten shillings and six Pence due him ꝑ acc^t passed by the Dep^y Aud.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Joseph Middleton nine Pounds of the new Emission in lieu of Three hundred and sixty Pounds due him ꝑ Acc^t passed by the Dep^y Aud. p. 224

That the said Treasurer pay to Jon^a Parker Eleven Pounds, one shilling of the new Emission in lieu of Four hundred and forty two Pounds due him ꝑ Acc^t passed by the Dep^y Aud.

Liber C B No. 23 That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Callahan Three Pounds seven shillings of the new Emission in lieu of one hundred and thirty four Pounds due him ꝑ Acc^{t} passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Daniel Jenifer Esqr Twenty seven Pounds, fourteen shillings and three pence to the new Emission in lieu of eleven hundred and Eight Pounds, ten shillings to be delivered over to Doct^{r} Walter Hanson Jenifer due him ꝑ acc^{t} passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Col^{o} Solomon Stympson seven hundred and Twenty Pounds nineteen shillings and Ten pence due him ꝑ acc^{t} passed by the Aud. Genl

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt Lieut John Jere. Jacob Cloth and Trimmings for 3 Suits of Cloaths and Linen for 6 Shirts to be delivered to Capt. John Reed, Lieut Nathl B. Magruder & Ens. Gab^{l} Jacob of the Guard Comp^{y} at Fort Frederick each 1 Suit of Cloaths & 2 Shirts

Permission is hereby given to Mrs. Mary Sheaff of this State to apply to His Excellency Genl Washington or the Officer Commanding at the Out Posts of the American Army for his License to go into the City of New York on a Visit to her Father with Liberty to take with her two young Children

November 8 Wednesday 8th November 1780

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. Francis Revelly Three Pounds two shillings and ten Pence half Penny of the new Emission in lieu of one hundred and Twenty five Pounds, fifteen shillings due him ꝑ Acc^{t} passed by the Dep^{y} Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to His Excellency Thomas S. Lee Esqr one hundred Pounds of the new Emission on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to James Brice Esqr Fifty Dollars of the new Emission on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Col^{o} Samuel Smith 6 hhds of Tobacco at Magruders warehouse Weigh^{g} 5837 ꝗs dated in 1780 to be accounted for at £50 ꝑ hund & 4 ꝑ Cent.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Negro Perry belonging to this State one Coat one Jacket 1 p^{r} Breeches, 1 p^{r} Shoes and 1 p^{r} Stockings

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Uriah Dunham, Benj^{a} Andrews and Daniel Andrews 2 Days Provisions each to enable them to preceed on their way to Boston, they having been captured by the Enemy.

Whereas It appears to this Board that by the Operation of the Act of Assembly Entitled An Act for the immediate Supply of Flour and other Provisions for the Army 845½ Bushels of Wheat and 375 Barrels containing 723..2^{s}..9^{d} of Flour were seized in the Hands of Col^{o} Saml Smith at that Time acting as Agent for the State of Virginia under the appointment of the Executive of that State. Resolved therefore that the Commissary General be requested & he is accordingly requested to give a Credit to the State of Virginia for the said Quantity of Wheat and Flour as so much of the specific Supplies required by Congress from that State & that the same be Charged to the State of Maryland. Liber C B No. 23

[Council to Luther Martin Esqr. Atty General] Liber C C No. 22 p. 206

Sir Since you received Anderson's Deposition and other Papers from the Council relative to a supposed Forgery, for the Purpose of Proceeding against Col^{o} Henry Hollingsworth agreeably to the Laws of this State, we have determined that the Papers should be put into the Hands of one of the Judges of the General Court, in Order that the Matter may be more Speedily enquired into. The Judge upon due Consideration of the several Depositions and Papers, will either discharge the Party, or bind him over to the next General Court and Summon the Evidences to support the Prosecution. This we apprehend to be the most regular, legal and speedy Course of Investigating the Colonel's Conduct in this Business and therefore request the Favor of you to return the Papers to this Board, by the first safe Opportunity

Col^{o} Hollingsworth, who will deliver this will afford an Opportunity of sending the Papers

[Council to Philemon Warfield]

Sir We request of you to get a House to deposit the Arms &^{ca} in, the most convenient to the Magazine, and on the best Terms you can. If you can get one that will hold the whole of them, though not so convenient to the Magazine, it will be more eligible.

[Council to Mr. Henry Sheaff, Balto.]

Sir. We are informed, by your Friend Mr Eastman, that you expect Mrs Sheaff will receive a considerable Sum of Specie from her Father in the City of New York and that you are inclined to advance a Part of it to the Officers of this State, in Captivity. Our Officers, who we understand are to be exchanged, will have Occasion for thirty or forty Pounds each to discharge their Arrears for Board; we therefore will esteem it a Favor if you will furnish Maj^{r} Eccleston or Maj^{r} Giles with a Sum of Money sufficient for the Purpose of accommodating the several Officers with that Sum, on the Credit

Liber C C No. 22 of this State, and we doubt not, Provision will be made by the Legislature, for returning the Sum you may advance, in a short Time

p. 207 [Council to Wm. Smith, Sam'l & Robt Purveyance & others Merchts in Baltimore]

Gent^n The Enclosure is a Copy of a Letter just received from the Mouth of Patuxent by which you will perceive that some of the Enemy's Vessels are at present in that River. We hope there may be some Vessels equipped in your Harbour of sufficient Force to prevent their getting off with their Booty, The Value of the Vessels and the great Plunder they are probably encumbered with make them an inviting Object of Profit while their Force is not so considerable as to discourage an Attempt. Our State Boats are down the Bay and may probably join any Vessels you may send. We can furnish 15 or 20 Soldiers to assist in manning them and will chearfully render every Assistance in our Power as to Arms and Ammunition.

[Council to Jeremiah T. Chase Esqr]

Sir We enclose you a List of Tobacco, which we wish to have sold, to answer the most pressing Demands which you are well apprised of. Mr Hammond and others have offered to purchase. If Mr Calhoun has not sold the Tobacco transmitted to him, you will be so obliging to endeavour to dispose of the 150 Hogsheads agreeable to the List. 50 £ ꝑ C^t and 4 ꝑ Cent for Cask to be paid immediately or at the Delivery of the Notes, in Continental Money. Our embarrassing Situation with Respect to Money will be a sufficient Appology for giving you this Trouble

[Council to Colo Joseph Wilkinson or the Commdg Offr of the Calvert Militia]

Sir We request you to order such of the Militia of your County on Duty as may appear to you to be necessary to repel the Enemy now in that Part of this State, and have them properly armed and accoutered with those Arms in Calvert County belonging to the Public and others. You will take Care to post them in such Manner as will prevent as much as possible, the Inhabitants from being plundered, and to regain the Property they have already lost. You will give us the earliest Information of the Strength and Movements of the Enemy and of every material Occurence. Col° Smith has Directions from us, to supply the Militia with Provision. We expect to hear from you by the Return of this Express

p. 208 [Council to ———]

Sir We have directed the commanding Officers of the Militia in Calvert County to call into Service a Part of the Militia, and request

you to provide them with the Provision necessary. The Flour at Col. Fitzhugh's Mill, should be used first, if it can conveniently be conveyed to the necessary Posts. Liber C C No. 22

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Present as on yesterday

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. John I. Jacob Three Pounds, nineteen shillings & seven Pence of the new Emission in lieu of one hundred & Fifty nine Pounds, two shillings and six pence ꝑ Account passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Montjoy Bailey five Dollars of the new Emission in lieu of seventy five Pounds for the use of Nichs Tice ꝑ acct passed by the Depy Aud.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Ens. Richd Chew of the 4 Regt 2 Shirts in part of the Articles allowed by the Genl Assembly.

That Mr John Shaw deliver to Jos. Dowson 20 Muskets, 6 Pistols 800 Cartridges 20 Cutlasses 70 ℔s Powder, 30 Flints 4 Swivels & 12 Boarding Pikes to enable him to fit out the Schooner Kitty as a Privateer & to be retd in Kind if not taken by the Enemy.

That the Lieutenants of Ann Arundel and Baltimore Counties immediately embody one hundred of the Militia of their respective Counties consisting of one Field Officer, two Captains two Lieutenants, two Ensigns, four Serjeants & one hundred rank and file for the Purpose of Guarding the Magazines in Annapolis & Baltimore Town and for the Defence of the said City & Town

[Council to James Calhoun, Esqr] Liber C C No. 22 p. 208

Sir We have judged it proper to order one hundred Militia of Baltimore County, to be embodied and request you to supply Mr Donnellan with Provision for them

[Council to Mr. Thomas Donellan]

Sir We have wrote to Mr Calhoun to supply you with Provision for the Militia, ordered to be embodied in Baltimore County and request you to have it delivered to them

[Council to Andw Buchanan Esqr.]

Sir We enclose you an Order to embody, immediately, one hundred of the Militia of your County and have them Stationed in Baltimore Town under proper Officers. The Enemy being up the Bay, tho' not in considerable Force, renders this Order absolutely

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necessary for the Safety of the Public as well as private property in and about Baltimore. Mr Donnellan has Directions to furnish the necessary Provision, and Mr Keeports will supply them with Ammunition and Arms, if they should not have them of their own. We request you will have the Men collected and equipped with all possible Expedition

1 Field Officer, 2 Capt^s 2 Lieut^s 2 Ens^ns 4 Serg^ts 100 Rank & file

[Council to Capt Geo P. Keeports]

Sir We think it necessary that all the Cannon in the Fort & Balt^o Town, except 4 or 5 which may be necessary for immediate Defence, should be removed to some Place of security in the Country, together with the Arms, Ammunition, Accoutriments and public Stores which may not be wanting to equip the Militia in Balt^o Town. We request you will have them removed 10 or 12 Miles from Baltimore Town and lodged in a secure Place. In transacting this Business, you will consult Mr Buchanan, and every Thing necessary for the Troops, or that he may think ought to remain, we wish may be complied with

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Friday 10 November 1780

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Present as on yesterday.

Ordered that the Armourer deliver to Thomas Grason jun^r 50 Stand of Arms, & Accoutrements complete with 24 rounds of fixt Ammunition to each to be delivered over to Col^o Edwd Lloyd and by him to his Lieut of Talbot County.

That the Lieut of Frederick County deliver to Col^o Rawlings what Arms and Accoutrem^ts for the Guard at Fort Frederick he may want.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to John Crisall seventy five Pounds of the new Emission on Account.

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[Council to Lieut of Washington County or the Commdg Officer of the Militia]

Sir In Consequence of Information from the Board of War that the Convention Troops were ordered to Fort Frederick, and from the Governor of Virginia, that one Division of those Troops consisting of about eight hundred Men, were on their March to that Place, we think it necessary that the Guard should be augmented by two full Companies of Militia in Addition to the Company already ordered and Capt Reid's and request you will have this done as speedily as possible

[Council to Colo. Moses Rawlings]

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Sir Since our Letter of the 6th Inst by Capt Jacob we have received one from Governor Jefferson, of the 3d informing us that he had given Directions for the March of the Convention Troops, in two Divisions, the first to consist of British, amounting to about 804 Rank & File, the second consists wholly of Germans, in Number, the Governor Supposes, about 1503 including Officers. The first Division must have been some Time in its March and of Course may shortly be expected at Fort Frederick, the second certainly will not follow immediately and probably may remain at their present Barracks a considerable Length of Time; As the Motives for removing the former do not, at present, operate so powerfully for removing the Latter. The Guard must be considerably augmented and for that Purpose, you have a Letter for the Lieut of Washington. We exhort you to exert yourself to the utmost, in making the necessary Preparations for the Reception and safe keeping of the Prisoners committed to your Charge and for subsisting them, as well as the Guard under your Command. If the Barracks should not be sufficiently large, or in proper Repair, you are desired to make the necessary Additions or Repairs either by Huts thatched, or thatching the Roofs of the present Buildings: In Short we rely fully upon your Zeal, Activity and Judgment on this and every other Occasion

Enclosed is an Order on the Lieut of Frederick County to be made use of, in Case there are not a Sufficient Number of Arms in Washington County, also a Copy of the Letter of the 6th Inst by Mr Jacob.

[Council to Capt William Middleton]

Sir We think it proper you should return immediately with the State Boats, as there is a Prospect of your joining some Vessels from Baltimore If any Men have Shipped themselves from the Eastern Shore, they may be of service on this Occasion

Saturday 11th November 1780

November 11 Liber C B No. 23 p. 225

Present as on Yesterday.

Ordered That the Armourer deliver to Capt. William Middleton 400 Musket Cartridges & 100 Swivel Shott for the Dolphin and also to Capt Gilbert Middleton 200 Musket Cartridges and one Ammunition Chest for the Plater.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. Gilbert Middleton Canvas suff for a Ring tail, 300 Scupper Nails & 6 ℔s Twine for the Plater and also to Capt. William Middleton Canvas suff for a Ring-tail for the Dolphin

[A ring tail is a small quadrilateral sail set on a small mast on the ship's taffrail]

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That Capt. Archibald Golder Deliver to John Muir Com^y of Stores all the Surplus Cloathing in his hands which was drawn for the Regim^t Extra.

Commissions issued to James Tibbett appointed Commodore Joseph Dorothy Captain of the Brig Cato and James Kiersted Captain of the Schooner Nantilus

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By his Excellency Thos. Sim Lee Esqr Governor of Maryland.

A Proclamation

At the request of the General Assembly of this State I do hereby appoint Thursday the seventh Day of December next to be observed throughout this State as a Day of Public Thanksgiving and Prayer agreebly to the Recommendation of Congress of the 18 of October last.

Given at Annapolis this 11 Day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty.

Thos. S. Lee.

By his Excellency's Command T. Johnson J^r Sec^ry.

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[Council to Capt John Chalmers]

Sir We request you to call on Mr Hemsley's Manager for the Corn and Beef bought of him for the Use of this State; there are six Beeves barrelled and about 500 Bushels of Indian Corn

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Monday 13th November 1780

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Armourer Deliver to William Sanders 1 Quarter Bble Musket Powder & 100 ℔s Lead for the use of the Militia in Sander's Neck to be Acc^d for and also to Stephen Steward 20 ℔s Powder, 24 Gunflints, 15 ℔s Ball ½ Quire Cartridge Paper & 1 fathom of Match rope to be returned or paid for.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to William Brown seven Pounds fifteen shillings and seven Pence of the new Emission in Lieu of three hundred & Eleven Pounds, four shillings & two Pence due him ꝑ acc^t passed by the Dep^y Aud.

So ends the Proceedings
ꝑ Th Johnson J^r Cℓ. Co.

1779
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[Richard Dallam, Harford County to Gov. Thomas Johnson]

Sir I am under the disagreeable necessity of informing your Excellency of the further rise of Wheat to 20 £ & that I realy expect to hear this day 22..10..0 being given

These prices are the consequence of Contracts Mr Giles (in Acc^{t} with me) entered into with Mr Hall & John Baxley to whom he has engaged to give fifty Pounds & the rise of the marketts till April and advance them the money. And they to deliver the flour by Christmas for about 400 Barrels. Baxley I know has near all the Wheat to purchase & he must have it, he will shirk at no price, the Present price he gets for flour enables him without loss to give 20 £ & better for Wheat which he has already done. This Joins all the Wheat purchased in this Country to that price. And as We have four Millers in this County under like Contracts as Mr Hutson, I have no guess when it will stop.

I am not the only person alarmed I have conversed with numbers of Persons of different ranks & find all of the opinion that the money is gone, so little Confidence have the people in the money that I have been offered only yesterday, Wheat at 7/6 & Pork at 30s. gold, to be paid in three years altho the latter sells for 100 £ I cannot help saying I believe that money will not Procure the necessary supplys and that some other mode must be adopt^{d}

This Contract of flour with Hall & Baxley is the first I hear of Mr Giles making altho he has had his Commission some time he Boasts of being unlimmit^{d} in price & that he will out bid me, let the loss to the Public be what it will for my Part I have no intention of entering into such a Contention with Mr Giles. Were we expending our own money, I should have no fears on that acc^{t} You may depend nothing shall induce me but a Conviction, of the Public service being Promoted, to give over what I am justifyd in doing from the price being general could an immediate supply of flour be obtained I believe I should have not been nice ab^{t} a bid, both Mr Hall & Baxley was with me on the morning of my return Home & I could have contractd for Baxley flour at fourty Pounds & a rise but knowing his situation & hav^{g} laid a plan which I had no doubt of executing to prevent a further raise I put him & Mr Hall off with a promise of geting his flour on the Terms that others offerd And as Mr Giles soon after meet with them they informd me of the offer made them

October 27 which I could by no means think of giving made them still the promise when the flour was ready to give as much as another, but Mr Giles offer was so Good a sale they could not refuse it

I cannot but believe that Bad management in the Commissary department has been a cheaf cause of our distressing situation, which so much effects me that I can neither Eat nor Sleep am realy sick

Your Excellencies orders to write frequent will justify the Trouble of this Letter so soon after a longer one

November 5 [Aquila Hall, Baltimore, to Thomas Johnson.]

[Asks pass to New York for Maj. Samuel Caldwell and vouches for his ardent patriotism.]

October 31 Red Book No. 22 Letter No. 38 [Sam Smith Balt. to Gov Johnson]

Sir I Had the Honor to receive your Excellys permission to Export Flour for the State of Virginia I must Beg your Permit for the Schooner Willing Maid Capt Hunt Belonging to Messr Thomas Archer & Co Mercht York Town Virginia, carrying Thirty seven Bbles flour, fast sailer well provided & mann'd

Your Excelly will see the Difficulty I shall be under & the Expence attending the sending an Express for Passport to the small Craft I shall be oblig'd to employ in this Business. If with propriety your Excelly can give me permission without, I shall Esteem myself much oblig'd. I inclose your Excelly The Honble Jas Innes Letter

November 2 [Joseph Ford, Leonard Town to His Excellency, Thomas Johnson Esqr.]

I wrote to your Excellency some time Ago concerning the Lydea's long Boat and as I have never received an answer, concluded that my letter did not come to hand I applied to a Captain of one of the Gallies and Several other Craft going up the bay to take her up to Annapolis but could not get it done unless I would have paid them half as much as the Boat is worth she is in as good repair as when I received her her hull with some little repairs may be made good her Main Sail is about half worn the Rest of her Rigging is worth but little If she is for Sale Coll Barnes will Purchase her or If your Excellcy should think propper to entrust me with the sale of her, I will advertise her for public Sale.

November 2 [Jacob Giles Junr, A. C. Ps Mount Pleasant, to His Excellency Thos Johnson Esqr.]

Sir I wrote you about a fortnight since informing I had Col Blanes Appointment as Assistant Commissary of Purchases and was by him desired to apply to your Excellency for a Licence. I was this day informed by Mr Dallam he had received a Letter from you wherein You mention I did not send my Commission. I did not

Know that it was necessary as Col Blane in his Instructions to me says he would write to your Excellency himself and acquaint you of my Appointment neither could I have Sent it had I known it Necessary as Col Blane omitted Inclosing my Commission although he fully Intrusted & Authorized me to Purchase. I have Sent an Express this day to Philad[a] for Cash by whom I shall get my Commission and will Inclose it to Your Excellency by first Opportunity. November 2

You may rely upon my most Streneous Exertions to get a Supply for the Army and at the Same time keep the Price as low as Possible no Person can have a greater objection to the Exorbitant Price of Grain than myself as I have a very Capital Tax to pay & it certainly is the Interest of every Man who has a Landed Estate to keep the Price down, as we are in fact only selling to ourselves. I shall be Glad to receive your Excellencys advice & Instructions at any time. I mentioned to M[r] Jenifer the Bearer of this I thought it might save Some Expence to the Continent for me to have an order on the Sherif of this County, for What Cash he Collects or a Part In which he agreed with me. If your Excellency should think Proper to give me an order on the Sherif for any Sum after I have sent you my Commission shall be oblidged Interim I am with all Respect Your most obedient Humble Servant

[Joseph Dashiell, Worcester County to His Excellency Thomas Johnson, Esqr] November 4

Red Book No. 25 Letter No. 74 See 21 Md. Archives 519

Sir Yours of the 10th Sept[r] Relative to the Plank for the Galleys Came to hand the 20th Oct[r] and Immediately Indeavour'd to Ingage the Thick Plank. But as no one was Inclinable as it was Very trobelsom to saw so long and thick. I then went and bought it myself and got the Stocks but for want of Water Cannot at this time Inform you when it will be Ready. The 1500 feet of 1¼ & the 1000 feet of Inch plank I have by me and the Thick plank shall be Ready as soon as posable, nothing being wanted to Compleat it But Water, I have never had it in my power to send forward the Eight Bar[s] pork that Remains in my hands except I would have hired a Vesel On purpose which would not have Quit Cost Doct[r] Houston has promis'd me to send it Up next week as soon as the plank is at the Landing shall advise the Gov[r] & Council

[Isaac Perkins, Kent County, to Gov. Johnson] November 5

Sir The salt you sent to me was thankfully received at the Exchange and went off in a few days and the wheat is Ground and the flour has been some days ready to Deliver but I could get no Craft here to take it to elk, and to Expedite the Conveyance I sent an express to Col[o] Hollingsworth this day week to send a Craft for that and the flour I have for Col[o] Ewing which he wrote he would do this week but she has not yet appeared.

November 5 My Clerk at Chester Town Informs me that The Skipper of the plater had the Salt Measured in a Very unfair manner that he refused delivering it in any other way saying it was the way he received it, and the Salt overrun by his Measure a half bushel which he took back with him this Convinces me that it was measured unfair as such Salt always looses every time measured, and the Custom Here is to buy and sell by the Philadel[a] Seal which is larger than the Maryland—in Consequence of this the salt has Lost Considerably in measure but the wheat was measured in the same measures which will make but Little difference.

I shall be always thankfull for your further Commands and am with Greatfull Esteem Your Very humble serv[t]

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6 O'clock
Sunday
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[Henry Dickinson to Gov. Johnson]

Hono[r] Sir Yours of the 6th Instant in Council is this moment come to hand, inclosing an Order for the Removal of the Public money in my hands immediately, unto the Treasury of the W. Shore.

I am sorry to inform your Excellency, that I am fearfull my Ill State of Health at Present will not Permit me to Comply with the order as soon as might have been otherwise expected, the greatest Part of the money is in Small Bills which will take some time to List and Count, which as soon as done, I shall set off with if able to ride, if not will endeavour to get some careful hand to take Charge of it, And as this order seems rather hard on me to Carry such Sums of money from hear to Annapolis for my Salary, I hope the State will Consider the money after it leaves my House at their Risque and not mine.

Received November 7th 1779 by the Hands of Jonathan Parker, a letter from His Excellency Thomas Johnson Inclosing a Resolve of the Council dated 6th of this Instant Novem 1779 by Henry Dickinson

November 9
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[Sam Smith, Balt. to His Excelly. Gov. Johnson]

Sir I will be much oblig'd for your permission for the Cap[t] Shadrack Ames a fast sailing Sloop, carrying from 150 to 200 B[bles] flour to York Town in Virg[a] The Bearer goes Express I beg you may dispatch him as soon as possible & Have the Honor to be

I know not the sloop's Name, she is at the Point, I believe it is James

November 9

[Jesse Root, Chairman Philadelphia, to Gov. Lee]

Sir When Count de Estaing, sometime past, was hourly Expected from the Southward in want of provisions, our Magazines being then low, and the Commissary of purchases unable at once

to furnish the Supply that would be probably wanted for our own Army and the Count, Mr Holkers Agents, in Concurrence with the Governor of Maryland took measures to procure 8000 Barrels of flour in your State of which the Commier of Congress was informed & did aprove as being necessary at that time, but being since told there is a great reason to Suspect that Certain persons being actually or pretendidly Agents for Mr Holker have made large purchases of flour beyond the quantity aforesd and by creating a Competition & out biding our Commissaries, have greatly inhanced the price of flour, and retarded those Supplies which are necessary for the Subsistance of our Army, we request your Excellencys attention to this affair, and that proper enquiry be made and that all the flour purchased by any person whatever except the Complement of Eight thousand barrels aforesd & of 4000 before in Mr Smiths hands for Mr Holker be turned over to the Commissary Genl of purchases, as the only Channel through which Supplies for our army & our allys Can in future be regularly obtained and desire that hereafter no purchases of flour on public account be allowed in your State but by the Commissary General & his Deputies and we refer you to Col Blain for more particular Information on this head. November 9

pr order of the Comtee of Congress on the Comsy & Qur Mstr Generals departments Your Excellencys Most obedt humbl servant

P. S. the flour purchased to Carry to Virginia agreable to the resolve of Congress for that purpose, is not to be affected by any thing in the above letter

[Sam Huntington, President, Philadelphia to Governor of Maryland]

November 10
Red Book No. 8
Letter No. 134

Sir You will receive herewith enclos'd two Acts of Congress of the 12th & 16th instant for reforming the eleven companies of artificers raised by the Quartermaster General, making provision for and granting certain benefits to that Corps in particular that they be considered as part of the Quotas of the Eighty Battalions apportioned on the several States to which they respectively belong. Also another Act of the 16th instant requesting the aid of the several States for obtaining wittnesses & depositions in the trial of cases before courts martial.

I have the honour to be with great Respect Your Exys humble Servant

[Sam'l Sadler Art'y Park, Chester to His Excellency The Governor of Md]

November 11

Sir I am sorry to Inform you of the death of Cap: Gale who departed this life in about four weeks after his arrival at Camp. He Informed me that he was Indebted to the State of Maryland.

November 11 I Have his Effects in my Hand which I shall dispose of agreeable to the Articles of War in Like Cases. I am in hopes I shall be able to obtain a furlough at the Close of the Present Campaign in order to come to Annapolis & settle his Acc^{ts}

We Receiv^{d} our Commissions from Congress as an Independent Company, the other two Companies are ordered to Col^{o} Harrisons Reg^{t} and the officers have taken their Rise in it my Reason for mentioning it to your Excellency is that I think from those Circumstances, I am Justly Entitled to the Late Capt. Gales.

I am Sir with due Respect Your Excellencys most ob^{t} Servt

November 11 Red Book No. 24 Letter No. 9

[Lnd Weltner Lt. Colo. Command^{t} G. Regt, Sunbury to His Excellency Thomas Johnston]

Dear Sir I make bold to Trouble your Excellency, with an Order, for the money allowed to the officers of the State by the hands of Capt. Baltzell, which I have Certified, as we lay such a distance from the army, I thought proper to send for the same, a few days ago one of my officers arrived at this place from a Command from Wyaleusing who informs me that he made not the least discovery of the Savages being there, which makes me believe that our Frontiers may rest secure, one man found dead near Muncy hill, but, believe him to be Killed by some Villain.

November 11 Red Book No. 24 Letter No. 10

This may Certify that we the Subscribers officers of the German Regm^{t} belonging to the State of Maryland have not Rec^{d} any part, or parcel of the Money allowed to us by the State, Neither have we given any Order to any person, or persons Whatsoever. we therefore Empower Captn Charles Baltzell to receive the same for us allowed by the State.

Charles Baltzel, Capt.	Jacob Gromett, Lieu^{t}
Christ. Myers, Capt.	David Morgan, Lieu^{t}
Mich^{l} Bayer, Capt.	Jacob Raybold, Ensign
Martin Shugart, L^{t}	Alex^{r} Smith, Surgeons Mate.

Sunsbury, to his Excellency the Governor of Maryland

I do hereby Certify that the above Subscribers are officers of the State of Maryland and declare upon Honour, that they have not receiv^{d} any part of the Money allowed, by the State to the best of my Knowledge

Lnd. Weltner Lt. Col^{o} Command^{r} G. Reg^{mt}

November 11 Red Book No. 24 Letter No. 57

[Tim Pickering, War Office, to his Excellency Govr. Johnson]

Sir We had the honour of writing to you by Major French, requesting a loan of powder & lead. The ground of that application was the expected arrival of Count d'Estaing to cooperate with the Army of the United States in the reduction of New York. But

yesterday authentic information was received by Congress, that the Count was going directly to the West Indies, after an unsuccessful Attempt to capture the British army in Georgia. The powder & lead therefore of which we requested the loan will not now be wanted; and should they have been ordered on, we request they may be stopped & returned into your magazines: Indeed from your Excellency's letter of the 22d ult° it seems there was but little prospect of your being able to supply the ammunition requested. Red Book No. 24

We are extremely sorry that the trouble we gave your Excellency in ordering out a militia guard proved fruitless: but till very lately it was not in our power to send off the prisoners, from the want of an escort; and just at the time when one was ready a letter from Col° Rawlings informed us that the militia guard at fort Frederick being very disorderly (probably from having nothing to do) he had discharged them. Nevertheless, as it will be very inconvenient to supply so great a number of prisoners in this place with wood and provisions & from the continual accessions by captures at Sea very difficult to secure them, we are still of opinion that at least four hundred should be sent to fort Frederick. We accordingly wrote to Col° Rawlings, desiring him to take the necessary measures for procuring another guard, either by inlistment for a year, or from the militia, giving us timely notice when he judges they may be ready, that we may send on the prisoners in Season. We beg leave once more to ask your Excellency's interposition to furnish the guard now requested.

We have the honour to be with the greatest respect Your Excellency's most obedt Servants By order of the board

[Henry Schnebely, Hagerstown, to the Council] November 11

Yours of the 17th Oct came to hand the 30th at which time I had purchased the Waggons horses & ca as appears by my Acct rendered you by Mr Williams, I have borrowed 23 yds Linen from Col° Shryock for makg a few Bags Necessary for the Waggons but as he has none but what was purchased under the Direction of Mr Calhoon for the Contl use he will not deliver any to your order which Intimates a Distinction between State & Continental, I have delivered to Col° Rawlings one Waggon, five horses & Harness, all the flower I have obtained will not amount to more than four Loads part of which Lays at Mills which cannot grind for want of water. I have Consulted Col. Rawlings who thinks it improper to send any of the tax flour, the approaching Season makes it necessary to provide Stabling more hay, Straw, grain & Many other Articles for the horses I have on hand which requires more Attention to that business than I am able to give therefore must request you will direct me where to deliver them as I have been obliged for Convene of Pasturage & hay to keep them a Considerable distance from my own

November 11 house which makes the care of them very troublesome, without proper notice they will soon become useless, People are daily asking for Money, therefore earnestly request you'll put it in my power (p Mr Williams) to Comply with my promises to the people from whom I have purchased, I believe a few might except of the new Bills perhaps I cod pass to the amount of 5 or 6000 £ Continent[l] I hope you'll endeavour to order the teams & Waggons out of my hands as soon as possible the Commissary here will not Issue any provision to Waggoners which makes it difficult to get any person to feed & Attend the horses.

November 15 See Liber C C No. 22 p. 39

[John Randall Baltimore to Gov. Lee]

Sir Inclosed is a letter from Mr Faw on the Subject of Cloathing I beg leave to enter a protest Agst. his making any more Shirts of the Oznabrigs mentioned those lent are so very bad I am asham'd & afraid to take them to Camp.

Col Smith and Mr Jefferies, has a quantity of Coarse Cloths & Blankets, they promis'd Col Forrest the State should have the Refusal and will keep them till they hear from you. I've exam'd them and think them too great a Bargain to be Missed in our present necessitous State. there are upwards of 100 extraordinary good Blankets from £ 40 to 50 £ some more of the Cloth than we want (to make up the deficiency in Overalls and the Socks but immagine You'll not Object to its being purchased on that Accot as the whole must go together. I wait here for an Answer, Capt Cromwell who has seen the goods) wil inform you further respecting them

P. S. everything will be on Board the Plater early Tomorrow. She will be quite full the Cloth and Blankets (if purchas'd) mus: go at another Trip

November 15

[John Randall, Baltimore, to Col. Forrest]

Sir Inclos'd is the bills (you wrote of) for the Cloth, with Receipts for the payment of the money on each.

Col. Smith's Cloth has arriv'd he has reserved It for more than a week past for the State, likewise a quantity of Blankets, he offers them reasonable I could wish the State would take them. I've wrote the Govr on the Subject mentioned the prices and wait for an Answer.

Mr Faw has sent a parcel of oznabrig Shirts, the worst I ever saw and has not sent me the price, I wish you'd beg of the Govr not to let him go on making such vile things I am Really ashamd to take them up.

[Rachel Gibson, wife of Woolman Gibson of Talbot County Petition to Governor and Congress] November 15

[Written by Rev. John Gordon, Rector of St. Michael's Parish and endorsed by him, Jonathan Gibson, Joseph Bruff, John Broome, Richard Parrott, and William Gibson, asking discharge of Jonathan Hopkins, her son by a former marriage who is "deficient in his intellect" and having "straggled away last winter was induced to enlist" on the *Chester* Galley. He is unfit for service and is exposed to the "Mockery & Insult of the Sailors and to the Hazard of being corrupted by their example and of learning the bad words."]

[Owen Biddle, Asst. C. G. of Forage, Philada. to Col Henry Hollingsworth, D. C. G. F. Head of Elk]

Sir I have receiv'd no Supply of forage from you, or thro' the communication of Elk for a considerable time past; it is the occasion of great distress with us, and makes me much alarm'd for the consequences; I was out of grain this morning at a Season when we ought to have 60,000 bushels in store at this place; What can be the reason, surely the credit of the department has not totally fail'd, nor the Stock of money sent you? if it has send a Messenger on for some we cannot obtain a Supply for you, unless we are fully acquainted with your necessities; I know you are embarrass'd about the extortionate price demanded, but our delay will not help the matter, I beg of you set every wheel to work, or we shall have a famine among our horses; If it is possible for you to send on 10.000 bushels weekly untill the navigation is Stopped, we shall have occasion for it; for the sake of the army & our cause which depends on it, I doubt not but you will exert yourself; November 15

[Geo P. Keeports, Baltimore to His Excellency Thomas S. Lee Esqr.] November 15 Red Book No. 20 Letter No. 188

As the Money sent up to me for Purchasing Linnen is all Exhausted and has been for some days. and I have made some Purchases which I am unable to Pay without a Further Supply. Your Excellency will Please to send my by Capt Cromwell or Capt Shelmerdine Five or Six Thousand Pounds for which I shall Account as soon as Its Possable for to make out my Accounts, which will be by the First of Next Week

Shall be Glad to be Informed Wether I shall Continue the Purchase of Linnen and What shall do for Cloathing and Provision for the Soldiers at the Fort as they are Entirely Naked and the Provision and Whiskey is All out. I have been oblidged to purchase Fresh Beef for them this day

November 16

[Wm. Lyles from Potomac to Gov Lee]

[Requests approval of an appointment by Thomas Richardson of Georgetown, empowering him to purchase provisions to the Use of the U. S.]

November 16

[John Randall, Baltimore, to Gov Lee]

Sir Mr Jefferies broke his word with me and sold the Cloths and Blankets before Capt Cromwell returned. A more advantageous offer was too powerful, for narrow Soul to refuse I set of to Camp early in the morning without purchasing any thing here perhaps the goods we want may be had on better terms to the Northward of which I will advise you by letter. The Plater could not carry the whole of the Cloth & Cloathing, a part is left for the next trip I've thought proper to detain Sergt Neary to come with it

I've Just been in company with a Capt Ragsdale of Harrisons Regt of Artillery he left the Maryland Incampment the 8th Inst he informed me our Troops was to Winter at Quebble Town about eight mile from Middle Brook he brought letters from Genl Smallwood to Govr Johnson which he has sent to Fredk he inform'd me likewise of the death of Capt Gale of our Artillery

N.B. Several hundred blankets might be bought here if you could think of giving the price you may depend our Troops Suffer very much for them & will get but few from the Continent

November 17
Red Book 25
Nos. 46 & 47

[Jesse Bennett to Governor]

[Complains that John Selby is no freeholder and consequently is not qualified to be sheriff of Worcester County On Dec. 2, Bennett withdraws this complaint]

November 17
See Liber C C No. 22 p. 40

[Jacob Giles, Jun'r, Mount Pleasant Harford County to His Excellency Thomas S. Lee, Esqr.]

Sir Inclosed is my Commission for the Purchasing department for this County. I beg therefore your License. You will see by the Date of my Commission I have been some time appointed and I have been acting ever Since without Licence from Govr Johnston which has not been my fault as I wrote to the Governor immediately & since but have received no answer. I have understood the reason why he did not License me was because I did not send down my Commission. The first Letter I received from Col Blane appointing me he omitted Inclosing the Commission but desires me to Write to the Governour and says he would also write to him which I thought sufficient as I knew the Governour could not have the least Objection to my Appointment. I think myself somewhat Ill used in this Matter. Your License and a Return of My Commision by the Post will much oblidge Your very respectfull Humble Servant

[John Gordon, Independence Galley to Gov. Lee] November 17 Red Book No 22 Letter No. 32

Sir At the beginning of those troublesome times I for my own part thought there was undoubtedly great honour to be deriv'd from being so honourably employd. I have now been allmost three years in the Galleys, first one, & the other, and now find I am forced to one worse than I was, when I first entered into the honourable Service; my waiting from one Session to the other avails nothing, as nothing has yet turnd out to my emolument. Must beg the favour of your Excellency to stand my friend respecting to the advancement of a Loan from the Treas^y as it has been frequently obtained by other officers in the Land Service. I should not have pressed to trouble your Excellency on the Subject was not my present Circumstances truely distressing, my present pay being inadequate to Support a Wife and Family. Should I be so loucky as to be relieved through the benevolence of your Excellency, I shall with Allacrity return to the duty that becomes an Officer who cou'd wish to serve his Country at any time or any place. The request I hope my not appear to inormous when I mention the sum of £750 or £1000. I am much involv'd & coud wish to extricate myself from so disagreeable a Circumstance.

An Interview w^t your Ex^y wou'd be exceeding Satisfactory.

[H. Hollingsworth D Q M G Head of Elk to His Excellency Thomas Johnson Esqr] November 18

Dear Governor The packett which comes Express by the Barer Mr Faris, met me yesterday near Chester (on my way to Philad^a) with orders from Mr Robt Morris to me to forward them from this place by a fast sailing Vessel and carefull Skipper to Portsmouth Virginia, or such other place as the French Fleet may then be at, as there is no such Vessel at this place at present and the wind such as will not admitt of any coming shortly, the Dispaches being for the Royal Navy of France of course of the greatest consequence, I have thought it advisable to dispatch an Express to you by way of Baltimore with a request to Mr Calhoon to forward them if convenient, the Dispatches consist of a large packet seal'd To Monsieur Count de Grasse Chief De Escadre & Cet. one Lesser D^o To Monsieur Count D^eEstang Vice Adm^lle & Cet. one Small Letter to Robert Smith Esqr of Baltimore now at Portsmouth Virg^a which packet please to give or order a receipt to be given for. I mention this as Mr Farris is young in his present appointment, and doubt not of a ready conveyance by one of your Boats to Portsmouth or as you may direct

[H. Hollingsworth, D. Q. M. F. M. G., Head of Elk, to His Excellency Thomas Johnson, Esqr.] November 19

Dear Sir As I have ever made it a point to acquaint you with the dificulty's that arose to the Public, and to my self as a public officer

November 19 in the State where you preside, so now I am incouraged from your former condisention to acquaint your Excellency that the difficulty's I now every day experience in procuring Forage for the Army (which they are in the greatest want of) are truly alarming the more so as 'tis in the midst of plenty, to give a more full Idea of our situation I take the Liberty of inclosing a Copy of a letter this day receiv[d] from Col[o] Owen Biddle A. C. G of Forage at Philadelphia, by which you will be fully inform'd of the wants of the army, and at the same time I shall take the Liberty of informing you of the little prospect I have of supplying it, from which you will be enabled to Judge what is best to be done, and as our General Assembly is now Setting I flatter myself that some salutary measures may be fallen on for their relief; M[r] Biddle, your Excellency will observe requests ten thousand Bushels of Forage per week, I have not been able with every Industry in my power to furnish Him with five Hundred, nor even to supply this post sufficiently for their common dailey consumption, not that 'tis scarce but the people wont sell nor will the money buy produce long. I am now offering seven pounds ten shillings for Corn per Bushell, and five pounds for Oats, I can't think of giving more, as it appears to me that Corn and Oats at these prices, and wheat at the present price, that the whole money of the United States will not be Sufficient to purchase the produce of Maryland and Virginia for one season were the people willing to take it, but this is not the case they wont sell at all, and by holding back their grain intend to raise the prices still higher, if this is suffered to goe on, you may lay and welcome the planters and Farmers will evaid all taxes, as they have these heretofore lay'd by raising their produce in produce in proportion to the taxes, and we the purchasers are oblig'd from necessatys of the Army to comply with Exorbitant demands; I would not dare to say so much on this subject which your Excellency is so much better acquainted with than myself did I not recollect that the Squalling of a Goose once saved a great City, and in fact I am so distressed that I know not what next to do; could we once get a supply for a few months before hand, so that we could be at liberty whether to give those prices or not it would give me comfort, but that is not the case we must give what they ask or Starve (I see no remedy) but that of laying a part of the Tax in produce which I am informed has been done in Virginia, though this may seem hard at first, yet doubtless it would be puting mony in the Peoples pocketts (on the whole) as it would assist to fill our Magazines and relieve our emediate necessities, by which we should be put to on a standing so as to deal on a square footing with the Planters or Farmers, and in the end not only produce of every kind, but wages and even imported articles must fall

Thus Sir I have taken the liberty to make you acquainted with our wants and given my thoughts on a remedy, a sthe wants they are

real, and if the remedy should be eronious 'tis my mistake, which I am emboldend to ocer from your former indulgencies November 19

[Richard Graves to Gov. Lee]

[Asks pass for Col. Chalmers's lady. Graves has not met Lee. Her eldest son is about to leave New York for England for education and she wishes to see him and her husband in New York. Last Fall she had a pass from the Council of Safety of Philadelphia to go to New York and went to Elizabethtown with Mr. Lewis, who was a member of Congress, but returned thence, having learned that the Colonel had embarked for the West Indies. She is a "Lady of Fortune" and has "since the absence of her husband conducted herself in such a manner as to endear herself to all those with whom she hath been acquainted."]

[Chas. Thomson Secry, Secretary's Office to Gov. Lee] November 20

Sir I take the liberty of transmitting you a duplicate of an Act of Congress passed the 16th March 1778 the utility of which is apparent: And as it may be proper and necessary that you should be informed of the several acts and proceedings of Congress, I have herewith sent you a copy of their Journal from the first of January last, and shall continue to send you from time to time their weekly publications. On the other hand as a communication of your acts may be advantageous, and lodging them in this office for the information of the delegates of the other States beneficial to the union, and tend to facilitate the transmitting to prosperity the use and progress of these infant States, I take the liberty of requesting you to transmit to this office a copy of the constitution or form of government adopted by your State upon the declaration of Independance, and of all the public acts passed by your legislation since that period. If you can add any pamphlets or documents relative to the controversy and revolution, they shall be carefully deposited and preserved, and thereby you may do an acceptable service to posterity and oblige Sir Your very humble Servant

Red Book No. 8 Letter No. 90

[Sam Smith Balt to Gov. Lee] November 23

Sir Permit me to Congratulate you, on proper Respect being paid to your Merit, in your late promotion,, may your first years Government be made memorable by a peace with Great Britain.

Red Book No. 22 Letter No. 39

The Sloop Molly Capt Peregrine Dunk goes this Day to Joppa to lade with flour for the State of Virginia, I beg your Excellys permit to Clear her out. I mentioned to the late Governor, the Expences attending the sending to Annapolis for a permit to every Vessell, if it could be dispens'd with, I should be much oblig'd . . .any Mercantile Business the State may have occasion for, I shall be glad to

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Red Book No. 22 transact, any favors of this sort from your Excell^{y} will be conferring an obligation on Your Excell^{ys} M^{o} Obed^{t} Servt

NB. I inclose you the Q^{r} Master of York's Rec^{t} for 37 B^{bles} flour which I flatter myself will do to Cancell my Bond, if so pray send orders ꝑ Bearer

November 25 [H. Hollingsworth D. Q. M. G. Head of Elk to His Excellency, the Governor in Council]

Dear Sir by Express from the Board of war and Q. M. G. I am requested to prepare twenty good bay Craft for the transporting a number of Troops from this place to join our Southern Army as soon as possible, as that quantity of craft can't be had imediately hear. I have thought it most advisable to send to Baltimore and least I should fail then apply to your Excellency in Council, for such of the State Boats, or other craft as can be procured: I need not mention that business requires secrecy and the utmost dispatch, all the water Casks that can be had at any rate will be wanted, as we have none here, the craft that comes from Annapolis and Baltimore must bring all that can possibly be had. I expect the troops hear by the first of next week or middle at furthest

November 25 [Jere. Banning Na. Offr 7th Dist, Talbot, to His Excellency Thos Sim Lee]

Red Book No. 25 Letter No. 41 May it please your Excellency

In my clearing out vessels from this Part, there hath been one application only for an extra quantity of provisions for hands intended to be shiped abroad. this I have permitted, but whether I am right in so doing am at a loss to know, therefore beg you will instruct me therein. I forgot to mention, That the vessel is intended to be fitted out as a Ship of War in the West Indies.

November 26 [Jas Calhoun D. Q. M. G'l, Baltimore, to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esqr]

Sir I this moment rec^{d} a Letter from Col^{o} Hollingsworth ꝑ bearer informing me that a number of Craft would be wanted at the Head of Elk immediately for the transportation of Troops to the Southward and as I am apprehensive it will be impossible to get many without impressing must therefore request an Order from Your Excellency and Council for that purpose by this Express

I yesterday rec^{d} a Letter from the Board of War informing me that a number of sick and wounded French Troops would be sent to Baltimore for their recovery and Doct^{r} Bond is come down to make provision for their reception we will be very hard pushed to find places for their accomodation & will be under the necessity of applying to Your Excellency & Council for those Barracks at the Fort

& probably for further assistance in this matter but as I am not fully posted of what will be necessary to know of this Subject shall defer writing fully until I have a further conference with Doct^{r} Bond in the mean time am in the greatest hurry Your Excellency Most Obed^{t} H^{ble} Servt November 26

[Jno Bolton, Chestertown, to His Excellency, Thomas Sim Lee] November 26 Red Book No. 25 Letter No. 42

Sir At the request of Thomas Johnson Esqr our late Governor I have furnished the Recruiting Parties belonging to this State with Provisions, for which I am abligd to pay the ready Cash out of my own Pockett; this I have continued to do most of the time since the Commencement of the War, I was in the Year 1777 in advance for the State above two thousand Pounds, above one half of which I lay out of more than a Year & then had it paid to me in Loan Office Certificates, which prevented my supplying my Store with Goods to carry on my Business, but that was not my greatest Loss, the Depretiation of the money was a much greater, & that is now so rapid that I think it is necessary I should either be furnished by the State with Money to Purchase, or Provisions to serve the Soldiers, or must beg leave to decline serving them any longer. On Setling my acco^{t} in August last I was near thirteen hundred Pounds in Advance, which tho it was but a few months arising yet the Depritiation was so great that it sunk a great part of the Vallue.

I have since that time advanced near five hundred Pounds & that is daily increasing & my Wages since that time will not bear my Expences to Annapolis to settle my Acco^{ts} & the longer I lay out of the money the more it depreciates; I must therefore intreat you will either get some other person appointed to Issue Provisions to the Soldiers, or supply me with money to buy, or direct the Comissary General to supply me with Provisions for that purpose either of which will oblige Sir Your most h^{ble} serv^{t}

[C. Downes to William Bruff, Esqr Annapolis] November 27 Red Book No. 25 Letter No. 76

At the Request of the Court The Court rec'd a Comm̄ of the Peace for the County also one for the Orphan's Court, both came to hand open & unsealed, a few Days ago, And as the Court Apprehend a mistake must be in the Omitting the name of one of their Brethren in the Comm̄ of the Peace for the County Co^{t} (Mr Clem^{t} Sewell) whereby they think the Public is injured, and him much insulted, and are of Opinion that his Excellency has been much imposed upon in the recommendation, we also Apprehend that another mistake is made in respect to Mr Chas. Price, who we think is named instead of Mr Jas. Price Kt. Island, as its absolutely necessary there should be two Justices on the Island, And as they think the emergency of business for the Public welfare make it necessary for another Magistrate in the the upper Part of the County, as

Red Book No. 25 well in the Neighbour[d] of Queen's Town we therefore beg leave to mention M[r] Tho[s] Fitzsimmons and M[r] Benjamin Sudler, And if you think more will be necessary for the conveniency of the Publick, as well for the Executing the Laws &c in Our County, we cheerfully submit the appointm[t] of those ment[d] as well others to your Consideration, and request the fav. of you to lay the said Comm̃, as well your Recommendation before his Excellency, and pray for an Alteration, we have adjourned the Court untill the 15th of Dec. next when we hope to have the Comm̃ returned.

P. S. You'l Please observe to his Excell[y] that M[r] Carradine is moved out of the State and M[r] Phil. Downes of the County.

November 30 [Jas Calhoun D. Q M. Gl Baltimore to His Excellency Thomas S. Lee Esqr]

Sir I wrote Your Excellency on friday that a number of Vessels were wanted at Elk to transport Troops to the Southward, since which I have used my utmost endeavours to procure what were necessary and have got same but the owners are so extravagant in their demands that I am distressed to know what to do they ask at least 30/ ꝑ day for every Ton Burthen

I wish our Legislature would make some provision for procuring Vessels and Carriages on any emergency the former rates allow'd by it is by no means adequate to the prices of other things and on the other hand people take advantage of any sudden and urgent necessity for Craft or Teams. I hope your Excellency and Council will pardon me if I take the liberty to request you will please mention this matter to the Assembly who probably will make some alteration in the present law.

We have no farther acco[t] of the sick and Wounded French Troops since I had the honor of writing your Excellency last, and are in hopes they will be provided for in Virginia especially if no more arrives than what came in two Ships which are all we yet hear of being in our Bay. Should they come to Baltimore the Board of War hath requested me to apply to Your Excellency & Council for the use of the Barracks at the Fort. Doct[r] Bond deputy Director Gen[l] of the Hospitals has been with me to View them and his opinion is they will not accomodate more than 60 or 70 Men. We have had a House on Rent in Town which has been occasionally occupied as an Hospital and as Barracks and will hold nearly the same number as those at the Fort but this House is greatly out of repair I have given orders to have it fitted up but can scarcely get a Workman to do anything many of our Mechanicks have left the Town & others turned Speculators so that we are difficulted to get the most trifling matter done especially of Carpenters work.

Should the number of these Troops come that we expected they will require more room than these two places and am afraid the

owners of Houses will be very unwilling to let sick & wounded Men into them and our Law for quartering Troops doth not extend to those of our allies therefore am fearful we will be put to a good deal of difficulty in providing them comfortable houses and common humanity as well as policy oblidges us to do every thing for them in our power November 30

[Pet° of the Gallymen To his Excellency the Governor and the Honourable Council of the State of Maryland] December

The Petition of we the Subscribers most humbly Sheweth

That your petitioners are now employed in the Service of the Gallies belonging to this State. that they have applied to their Officers for Cloaths but have not yet been able to get any. that the Inclemency of the winter Season renders them incapable of doing their duty on board their respective vessels unles they are Supplied with necessary apparels Your petitioners likewise set forth that they have now four months wages due to them all which they hope your Excellency and Honour's will take into your Consideration

And your petitioners in Duty will ever pray Thos Smith

[H. Hollingsworth D. Q. M. G. to His Excellency the Governor in Council] December

And please Your Excellency & Honours. Yesterday Arrived hear General Hoggan with the North Carolina Brigade as ꝑ my advice of the 25th Novem^r I have Vessels, provisions, wood, water Casks and every other necessary prepared for them, so that I Expect they will Embark this day or tomorrow as may suite them best, last night I received a Letter Express from the Hono^ble^ Board of War of which you have a Coppy Inclosed. I have only to Inform you, that no such quantity of Vessels nor have I a prospect of getting the number wanted, must therefore Intreat your Excellency and Honours will take such order in this matter as to you may seem Meet, at the same time every thing in my power shall be done, but when I consider that almost all the Vessels traiding to this place are already taken up, to transport General Hoggans Brigade it renders it impossible for me to procure a Sufficient number of Craft here, I shall wright the Honourable Board tomorrow Express, acquainting them of my want of Casks which expect will be furnished chiefly from there, but shall be glad to Except any from your Honours that may be convenient

[Joseph Robinson of the Island of Bermuda memorial To His Excellency Thomas S. Lee Esqr Governor of the State of Maryland and to his Honorable Council] December 1

That your Memorialist being acquainted there was a Law passed in this State authorizing, your Excellency & Council to permit the

December 1 Inhabitants of Bermuda, under certain restrictions to carry Corn from this State for the relief of the distressed Inhabitants of that Island in Consequence of which your Memorialist procured a Vessel with one Thousand Bushels Salt, and proceeded to Baltimore where he has safely landed the full Qnt^{y} and is in no doubt but it will be properly distributed to the Inhabitants of the State. Your Memorialist therefore begs permission to ship Corn agreeable to Law, and also to be indulged with taking a less Qnt^{y} of Corn, and be permitted to carry a small Qnt^{y} of other provision instead of Corn, as the Inhabitants of that distressed Island exists by Trade, of which at this unhappy Period they are precluded, and for want of the necessaries for the support of Life some hundreds of them have actually perished

Your Memorialist relying on the Philanthropy of your Excellency and Council, hopes the Indulgence he prays for will be granted

November 30 Baltimore 30th Novr 1779

We the Subscribers do certify, that Capt Joseph Robison has landed One Thousand Bushels of Salt at this Place, and hope proper encouragement will be given Adventurers, especially the Inhabitants of Bermuda to bring in that necessary Article, as the natural Consequence will be a reduction of the Price

Wm Spear Jesse Hollingsworth

December 6 [Joseph Robinson, Baltimore, to Gov. Lee]

Inclosed I have sent you the Oaths I have and my People have Taken. Your Excellency will Please to Favour me with a Licence for Taking a Load of Corn by the Barer Capt John Lorah. the Name of my Vessel is Sloop Unity Burthened about 40 Ton manned with 8 men and 2 Guns She is a Remarkable Fast Sailor

Baltimore County ss:

I hereby Certify that Capt. Joseph Robison, Benjamin Tarrel, St. George Frety, Solamon frety, John Grafford, Negro Richard and Robin, Severally have taken the Oath, prescribed in an Act of Assembly to prohibite for a Limited time the Exportation of Wheat &c which is required in Section Seventeen, Chapter Seven. Before me this 6th day December 1779

George Lindenberger

December 1 Red Book No. 25 Letter No. 43 [Eph Blaine D. C. G. Susquehanna Ferry, to Govr Lee]

May it Please your Excellency Mr Richd Dallam who was one of your agents appointed to purchase flour last spring return'd me a Quantity upon hand equal to four Hundred barrels which he had ground but could not obtain casks to pack it. I find he is now preparing to Deliver it to Mr Smith agent for the french consul in

Baltimore Town also his late purchases—as my wants for feeding the Army is so great and a very few days will Stop the navigation in Chesapeak bay and Delaware with Ice, and my Principle dependance is in feeding the Army untill the first of march next with flour from your State—and as I have Every Reason to believe the french Consul has Double the Quantity he was Licenced to purchase, Requests your Excellency and council to order Mr Dallam to deliver over all his former and late purchases of flour and wheat under your Directions to Mr Jacob Giles who has my Instructions to forward the same to head of Elk without a moments delay. Red Book No. 25

Shall inform you fully by next post my prospects of feeding the Army the Quantity of flour upon hand and what my expectations are respecting future suplies.

[John Randall, Morristown, to His Excelcy Thomas Sim Lee Esqr.] December 3

Sir I arrivd here two days ago with the Cloathing Sent from Maryland at which place our Troops arrived this Morning and are preparing to Build their Hutts for the Winter. I've got a House ready and am to be furnish'd with the Taylors to make up the Overalls immediately

I could purchase nothing in Philadelphia, the Continental agents purchase everything fit for the army. Our whole dependence is on the State for the deficiency of the two Thousand Overalls, Shirts & Sacks, with all the Shoes, Stockings and Blankets you can possibly procure, at least twelve hundred of the latter are wanted and our men Suffering exceedingly for want of them

[Col. Rawlings, Fort Frederick to Gov Lee] December 3

Sir I have the Hon^r^ to Inform your Excellency that the Board of War Intends sending to this Garrison four Hundred Prisoners, and they begg I would Solicit y^r^ Excellency for a Guard of Militia, but as I dont expect the Prisoners wil larrive before the first of January it will be needless to have them here sooner.

Y^r^ Ex^cy^ will please order up a Comp^y^ at that time as I have wrote to the Board that I shall then be ready to receive the Prisoners.

I am very Certain the Militia will never answer this purpose, for they will not Subject themselves to such Close duty as will be necessary to prevent the prisoners from getting away which would mortify me very much to see one of them make their escape from us, altho they do it dayly, owing to our great Humanity, which in my opinion is misplaced.

I would begg leave to recommend raising a Standing Guard for this purpose which I think might be done with propper encouragement, that is 200 Dollars from the State, Congress is willing to allow Cloathing & Cont^l^ pay

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Indeed it will be very hard on the Militia of our State to furnish a Guard here all the Year.

Mr Reid who is charg'd with this is on his way to Philadelphia in order to forward the Prisoners.

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Letter No. 1
See Liber C C No. 22 p. 44

[Stephen West, Woodyard, to the Council]

Honourable Gentlemen In consequence of sōme Conversation with His Excellency The Governor & The Honourable Mr Carroll I send two pairs of stockings fine yarn & worsted as samples. the yarn are double and the worsted, many of them are 4^thds^ none less than 3, & are all very good & fit for Camp where I understand they are much wanted. I saw 2 days ago a Mr May and another Trader from Philadelphia who assured me that such Stockings were selling at 70 dollars a pair there, having risen from 50 dollars which was the price when Mr Mercer left that City. I have two principal inducements for giving your Honourable Board the present Trouble; Contributing to the Relief of the wants of our Army & raising Money to pay my Taxes. I can furnish about 100 to 200 pairs, which if they suit are at your Service at the Medium price given to others for such; for in fact I know not how to set a price upon them or any article adequate to the present Lines. I was compelled yesterday to give 1000 £ for 20 Bushells of Salt to supply my family & every article by The Ship General Washington is sold at the same proportion.

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[Walter Hanson to Gov. Lee.]

[As George Dent and Warren Dent, Judges of the Orphan's Court for Charles County, will not qualify, he requests new appointments and recommends Walter Hanson Jenifer and Richard Barnes, as "fit persons for that purpose"; for from their readiness to do public business and their convenient situation, we have good reason to expect their constant attendance and assistance."]

December 6 [Jas Calhoun D.Q.M.G. Baltimore to His Excellency Governor Lee]

Sir Having heard nothing farther from the French Troops, we begin to conclude none of them will be sent here which will relieve us from a great deal of trouble as we were by no means prepared for this reception

The bearer of this Doct^r Thomas Bond Dep^y Director Genl of the Hospitals came here in expectation that it would be necessary to Establish an Hospital for the above mentioned purpose but being now of opinion his presence will not be wanted here on that occasion he is desirous of paying Annapolis a Visit before his return I therefore take the liberty to introduce him to Your Excellency.

[Geo. P. Keeports, Baltimore to Gov. Lee] December 6 Red Book No. 20 Letter No. 190

May It Please Your Excellency on my Return here Saturday Morning I Serch'd the Stores in Town and have Found in Messrs Sterling and Alcocks Store 48 Largest Best Blanketts @ £ 100 Each. Messrs Hughs & Williamsons Store 28 d^{o} a Size Smaller @ £70 Each and at another Store in Town d^{o} a £80 Each. I have Bo^{t} the 28 & the Five at the Prices and have Engaged the 48 of Sterling & Alcock for which I am to pay them by thursday Next If not they have the Liberty of Disposing of them otherwise there is About 60 more Blanketts in Town of Different Sizes those that are of the Size & Quallity of them I have Engaged of S & Alcock they Ask 300 Dollars p^{r} peice and some of the small Size but Good Blanketts a £ 60 p^{r} peice which Prices I have Thought too High to make a Purchase of without Advice

The £5000 I Received Last did but Little more then pay the Ballance I owed Hatters and for 136 Hats more then I had made a Return of in my Account. I have the Favour of the Barer Capt. John Lorah to Wait on your Excellency with this Letter by whom you will Please to send me more Money to Enable me to Comply with the Payments I have Engaged to Make.

I did not meet with that Success Purchasing Linnen Saturday Last I Expected there was but a Few Yards Bro^{t} to Market and the Price they Ask'd from £8..10 to 9..10 p^{r} y^{d}

There is some Irish Linnen of yard Wide may be Bo^{t} from £8..10 to 9..10 p^{r} yard If It wou'd do at the price the Quallity will Answer.

There is about 30 Pair of Good Buck Skin Breeches to be had @ £70 p^{r} pair which will Come Cheaper then Cloth Breeches Linned Throughout with Linnen and be much more Serviceable

Your Excellency will Please to Advise me if I am to Purchase any Irish Linnen and the Breeches at the Price

NB. There is about 600 yards of Coarse ½ y^{d} Brown Cloth & Coating to be had the Coating will Answer for Sacks & Come @ £17..10 p^{r} y^{d} and the Cloth will do for overalls Comes @ £7..10 p^{r} y^{d}

[Jacob Giles Junr. A. C. of Ps. Mount Pleasant, to His Excellency Thos. Sim Lee Esqr] December 8

Sir Your favour of the 19th Ult. I duly received would have been glad could you have supplyed me with some Cash as it is impossible to get supplyed fast enough from Philadelphia. however I Can go on no faster that I am supplyed as People in general wont trust an Hour. our Navigation being impeded by the Ice so soon this Season is an unfortunate circumstance as it Prevents supplys

December 8 being got forward that was expected. I hope to God our Assembly will do something to retreive the Credit of our Currency as People on all Hands are knocking it down every day. Col Blane hinted to me on his way up that Mr Richd Dallam had exhibited some Charges against the Commissarys to Baltimore & Harford if any Charges are exhibited against me I shall much oblidged to your Excellency for a Copy of them as I am conscious of no misdemeanor in my Department. but would wish every Public Officers conduct should scrutinised. Mr Dallam I make no Doubt will, shall therefore be silent untill such a Scrutiny happens and then the Cause of the rise of Grain in this County will be fixed on the right Person.

December 8 [John Dorsey and Company to Gov Lee]

We will charter two Briggs, equal in Goodness & fast Sailing to any on the Continent, one carries 8 four Pounders and the other 10, with small arms Pikes, Cutlasses &ca to carry flour to any Part of the West Indies, the Briggs shall be well manned and compleatly fitted and found for the Voyage We will take one half of the Cargoe for the Freight to the Port of Delivery and will bring back one half of the Load or Cargo for the State and agreeable to orders. We will Purchase the Load of Flour on the Usual Commission (and if necessary advance the Purchase money) and we will send a discreet Sensible young Gentleman of mercantile Knowledge to transact the Business in the West Indies each Brig will carry about 600 Barrels of Flour

600 Barrels of Flour will cost say—£60,000

300 for Freight 300 for the State will bring in the West Indies four half Ioes per Barrel, which will amount to £3.600 Gold, this sum laid out in Goods and brought to the Continent, at 80 for one (which is less per Barrel, which will amount to £3.600 Gold, this sum laid out in Goods and brought to the Continent, at 80 for one (which is less than the current Price) will amount to £288.000 Continental Money, by this Calculation the State will only risque £60.000 when the Owner of the Vessel will risque his Vessel and outfits, which will amount to £120.000. The Owner of the Vessel will also have to pay at least £750 in Gold, in the West Indies for Seaman's Wages, and other Disbursements. this will reduce the Owner of the Vessel his half of the Sales of the Flour to £2,850 which brought here will bring £228.000 By the above Calculation which we believe to be just, the Owner of the Vessel risques Double the Sum to Sea (not only *to* but *from* the West Indies that the State does, and the State, if the Vessel returns will receive a Profit of £60.000 more than the Proprietor of the Vessel.

We have some Coarse Cloths to the amount of about £25.000 which will Cost about £26 ꝑ yard, which we will sell to the State

[Tim Pickering, By order of the Board, Philadelphia war office to Gov. Lee]

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See Liber C C No. 22 p. 42

Sir Yours of the 2d inst was duly received, The North Carolina brigade is gone down the River on their way to the head of Elk. The Virginia troops will follow. It is necessary that you make provision therefore for the transportation of two thousand Men, besides the North Carolina brigade. the latter you will dispatch as soon as they arrive. The Virginians may be at Elk in Ten or Twelve days. Some exertion will be requisite on your part, write us of your prospects; and mention the number of water cask (if any) that will be necessary to be sent with the Virginia troops, during the ten or Twelve days mentioned, the craft you collect for the Virginia troops may be employed in any short trips; but you will be sure to have them ready by that time. We hope there will be no failure in procuring the number wanted.

P. S. the enemy ought not to know of the passing these troops down the Bay: if it can be let it be a Secret, till they are all embarked

[Eph Blaine D. C. G. Philadelphia to Govr Lee]

December 8
Red Book No. 25
Letter No. 44

Sir The distresses of the Army for want of Bread and my great fears respecting their present & future supply will sufficiently Apologize for my troubling your Excellency & Council so often with the Business of my Department.

The depreciated State of our Currency, the Spirit of Monopoly which so generally prevails with mankind, & the temper of the Farmers to hold back from Sale such produce as they have to spare, is very alarming and makes me dread a Disolution of the Army for want of Bread, indeed I despair of being able to procure one third of the quantity demanded for the ensuing Years Supply on any terms without the aid of the Legislative Authorities, and the most vigorous measures adopted to secure every Bushel of Wheat & Barrel of Flour either in the Speculators or Millers Possession & procuring the residue which is to spare. The Millers & Speculators in your State have I presume bought up considerable Quantities, I wish it could be secured and means taken to stop their future purchases while the wants of the Army are so great

As the Season is now at hand in which the Navigation of Chesepeak & Delaware will be obstructed with Ice & cut off all Communication of Supplies by Water which is the only easy mode of transporting Provisions towards Camp.

I have some time ago given directions to my Assistants in your & Delaware State, to rise their utmost exertions to forward every ounce of Flour in their Possession before the 20th Instant & have to request your Excellency & Council to order the State Commissioners

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which were appointed last Spring & this Fall, to deliver over to my Assistants all Flour which remains in their Possession, who have directions to forward the same.

Mr Dallam has been lately delivering Mr Smith (Agent for the French Consul) a considerable quantity of Flour which I expected. it is very hard that his Magazines should be fill'd with Flour when I can assure your Excellency our Army has been seven Days without Bread, and preparing to go into Winter Quarters with empty Magazines, the Idea distresses me exceedingly.

Your Excellency & Council will please to take these matters into your most serious Consideration & adopt such measures as will enable my Assistants to obtain all the spare Flour in State else the Army will undoubtedly Suffer.

I was happy when at Annapolis in finding your Honourable Assembly disposed to render every Aid to procure the quota of Flour & to detect all kind of Monopoly of Provisions, which will be of infinite service to the public

December 8
Red Book No. 24
Letter No. 3

[Conrad T. Wederstrandt Kent Island to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esquire]

Sir Aquila Brown has my direction to purchase what good beef he can on this Island: He will in a day or two wait on your Excellency and inform you of what he can do therein or write you on the Subject. He thinks there is but little quantity to be had and I have desired him to buy what he can deliver at Broad creek ferry not exceeding a dollar ꝑ pound. Mr Rawlins says he will send it over & deliver it at Mr Crissoll's office for twenty dollar ꝑ beef or five dollars ꝑ quarter. I think his terms high, If you please to send a Vessel for it or accept his terms, please to inform Mr Brown who will not neglect to procure the beef on the best terms as soon as possible. I shall immediately on the main endeavour to execute as much of your order as will be in my power & on the best terms I can. Should the quantity Mr Brown procure here & that I buy on main exceed your order I shall take the overplus on the account of the United States, if you should not want it, and will if agreeable pay Mr Crissoll for securing it and furnish him Salt to do it. Mr Brown will want money to pay for the purchase he makes which I hope you'll have in your power to order to him

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Red Book No. 24
Letter No. 2

[Conrad T. Wederstrandt, Queen Ann's County to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esquire]

Sir John Beale Bordley Esquire being in Philadelphia and the Superintendent of his farm on a Journey that way I can't purchase his beeves 'till he returns and perhaps not at all, as I am told they are to be disposed otherwise, which I shall know as soon as I see

the Farmer who is dayly expected at home. of Wm Paca Esqr's Farmer I have engaged 3000l weight of beef at 7/6d pr lb and wait for Captn Gordon's coming to have the beeves slaughtered and delivered. I applyed to Edwd Tilghman Esquire but his price for beef now being 10s ꝑ lb soon expecting 12/6d and not willing to kill for any man till the cash for the Supposed weight is counted down; I could not treat with him. perhaps I shall be more fortunate on application to other persons I am on my way to see: but such precedent is very hurtful as well as that of purchasing pork at eighty pounds Continental Currency ꝑ hundred weight and the use of the market on which terms private Persons dealt here yesterday for about Two thousand weight of it and which I understand The purchaser buy for his own use. It has such an effect on me, that I wish with all my heart I had not undertook the publick purchases and how to proceed I am intirly at a loss, for I am credibly informed Mr Barnaby living at Oxford has given twenty pounds Continental Currency ꝑ bushel for wheat, and what can be intended by such a conduct but the ruin of the common cause; I am sorry to mention it to your Excellency, but I think my duty obliges me to do it, without proper support, Instructions and great deal of Cash, I foresee my utmost endeavours must prove unsuccessful and the necessary Supplies can't be procured. Red Book No. 24

I have the honour to be Your Excellency's most obedt humble Servant

[De la Luzerne, Philadelphia, to "Mr. le Gouvr du Maryland"] December 12

Monsieur I'ai l'honneur de Vous adresser copie d'un rapport qui vient d'arriver de New York et sur lequel on peut faire fond. les vaisseaux de S. M. et autres batimens qui sout actuellement dans la Baye de Chesapeak paroissent réellement menacés par la flotte et les troupes de debarquement qui sout à Sandyhook. Je ne puis dans cette circonstance que recourrir aux bons offices de Votre Excellence, et rempli de confiance dans le bonnes dispositions que Vous avez déjà manifestées, je Vous supplie dé Vouloir bien Vous concerter avec M. le Ms de Vaudreuil ou tout autre officier commandant les Vaisseaux ou un Vaisseau de S. M. dans la Baye de Chesapeak et de lui procurer les moyens de mettre état de deffense le poste qu'il aura choisi.

I'ai reçu, Monsieur, la lettre dont Vous m'avez honnoré le 3. de ce mois. L'ai ètè bien sensible aux temoiguages qu'elle contient, et je Vous prie de vouloir bien en marquer ma reconnoissance aux representans de l'état dont Vous êtes Gouverneur Je n'ai pas de nouvelles de l'arrivée de Mr le C de Grasse dans Votre Baye, mais je suis bien sûr d'avance des preuves d' affection et d'amitie que cet officer ou tout autre Comandr françois recevra de Vous et des habi-

December 12 tans du Maryland, et je regarde conune un bonheur toutes les occasions qui se presentent de consolider l'union qui existe entre les deux nations. Je ferai part à Mr Gérard des choses obligeantes dout Vous me chargez pour lui, et j'espère que mon attachement pour l'Amerique unie justiffiera celles que Vous avez bien voulu m'adresser.

Je suis avec un respectueux attachement Monsieur De Votre Excellence le très humble et très obéissant Serviteur

December 14 Red Book No. 24 Letter No. 4 See Letter of Dec. 14

[Stephen West Woodyard to Thomas Johnson Esquire Clerk of the Council]

Sir I have but just now received The Answer of The Governor & Council to my offer of some Stockings for the use of The Army. I commend very much these Honourable Gentlemen for their Care in purchasing as cheap as may be for the publick but I fear their good intentions will not work a reduction of prices till a general Regulation takes place. I feel, most woefully, the exorbitance of the Times, and am compelled, from mere necessity & self preservation, to obtain prices, in some degree proportionate. I wish I was able to give to the Army the necessaries they want, but that unhappily, is not the Case with me. I am informed that Our Executive gave 120/ per Livre at the foot of an Invoice from France; If so I am certain my stockings woud amount to more than 50 dollars a pair, as they woud Cost upwards of 3 Livres; and as the lowest price at Philadelphia for such is 50 dollars, I think my self well warranted, from those & the Circumstances of every thing round me to expect the same rates the Continental Cloathiers are giving, However to avoid unnecessary trouble to Their Honours I am willing to meet them half way; They offer 35 dollars; I think the Corr^t Prices lately for such have been, & are at least, 50, the medium is 42½ & under our Present Circumstances, there can be no doubt of the propriety of His Excellency & Their Honours allowing me that price which I have reasons to believe is Comparatively low.

December 14 Red Book No. 8 Letter No. 86

[Sam Huntington, President, Philadelphia to His Excellency Governor Johnson]

Sir Your Excellency will receive herewith enclosed two acts of Congress of the 11th instant and one other Act of this day; by which you will be inform'd that Congress have determin'd to call upon the several States to furnish their Quotas of such supplies as may from time to time be wanted for carrying on the war taking due care to suit the conveniencies of the several States and the articles by them respectively furnished shall be credited towards their quotas of the monies they are called upon to raise for the United States at equal prices for articles of the same kind & quality and for others in due

proportion, and the accounts finally adjusted so as to do equity to all the States. Red Book No. 8

By the separate act of the 11th inst. you will observe the Quantity at present requested from the State of Maryland is five thousand barrels of flour & five thousand barrels of indian corn, in addition to the fifteen thousand barrels of flour heretofore required It is the desire of Congress that each State should use all possible economy & dispatch in procuring the Articles requested of them.

So soon as Congress are inform'd that the several States can & will furnish the provisions necessary for the Army the many persons heretofore employed in the purchasing Commissaries department for that purpose may be dismiss'd

I have the honour to be with the highest respect your Excys most obt Servt

[W. Smith, Baltimore, to the Honble. Daniel Carroll] December 15 Red Book No. 22 Letter No. 70

Sir Your favor of the 12th Inst I this moment received therefore could not give you an answer on Tuesday as requested. But will with pleasure give you every information in my power on the Subject of your Letter.

From the latest accounts I have recd from Cape Francais, (which I believe is the best market for flour in the West Indies) flour sold there at four half Jos ꝑ barrell. The barrells for that market are generaly calculated for one hundred & three quarters each. What the price is at Martinicos I cant exactly say but suppose it may be nearly the same as at the Capes, or perhaps something under Flour at St Eustatia is much lower, our vessells at that place purchase that article to carry to the cape which afford a good profit. Insurance from hence to the West Indies at 33⅓ to 40 ꝑ Cent according to the force & sailing of the vessell insured. The last vessell done at this office was at 62½. From sixty to Sixty five. I believe any good vessell may be done to at & from. The Philadelphia provisions I am informed have been generally higher since the commencement of the present war, than at this place

The freights I have paid for accot of his most christian Majesty, have been from forty to fifty Livres ꝑ blc to the W. Indies. What proportion of the Cargo might be taken in Lieu thereof I cant say but I presume freight will rise as every thing else does. The expence of fiting out, victualing & maning vessells, are at this time beyond conception. I have a small Brig now in port, which I have offerd to Mr Holker, and expect his answer by next post. Should he not take her and you want such a one immediately you may have her on such terms as can be afforded. I also dayly expect a Boat from Cape Francois which carries 60 hhds or about 400 bles Should she arrive safe. I will take a freight for her if the terms offerd are adequate to the Risque

Red Book No. 22 & expence. The common freight from the W. Indies is 20 to 25 p Cent on Wet goods And Ten to 12½ on dry goods

It will always give me pleasure to render you every assistance & information in my power.

P. S. As I dont know to whom to apply you'll oblige me by directing an acco^t of Shot del^d Capt. Harrison for the Defence, to be sent me by the first opp^y

Since writing the above I have seen a Capt. Taylor from the Cape which left the latter end of October & says flour at times was down two & a half Jo^s owing to several Ships having arrived from old france

December 15 Red Book No. 20 Letter No. 191 [Geo P. Keeports, Baltimore to His Excelly Thomas Sim Lee Esqr. pr. Thos. Morfit]

May It Please your Excell^y Inclosed you have an Inventory of Cloths Col^o Jno Dorsey & Wm Hammond have, the Quality is Good and they Come Cheap as Goods Now Sell. There is Two men from Philad^a About Purchasing them they will Take them at the Prices Sett on them If they are not Purchased for the State Col^o Dorsey and Hammond Express a Desire this State shou'd have them in Preference to any Person and have Engaged not to Part with them untill I Hear from Your Excell^y About them which they Expect will not be Longer then to morrow Evening or Early the day Following

I Received your Letter of the 11th Ins^t Yesterday Desiring me to Look at some Cloths Mr Chase Infor^d you of which are the Cloths Above mentioned

I Wrote you the 12th by Serg^t Neary and Inclosed you Some Samples of Cloths Col^o Dorsey has a Small Invoice of About 400 yds but not Receiving an Answer In Time and Thinking them a Bargain have Bo^t them on Condition your Excellency Approves of the Purchase. There is not any Blanketts to be had Excepting those at £112:10 I mentioned in my Former Letter Linnen of the Quallity Suitable for Shirts is Very Scarce not any to be had at Present not any Word from Mr Faw as yet. Your Excell^y will Please to Favour me with an Answer and Instructions how to Proceed in Regard to the Purchases above mentioned by the Barer hereof (Thomas Morfit) whom I have Hired on Purpose to Wait on your Excellency with this Letter

December 16 I am your Excell^ys m^o obed^t Hb^le Servt

Brown Book I No. 25 See Liber C C No. 22 p. 48 [George Washington Headquarters, Morristown, to Gov. Lee]

Sir The situation of the army with respect to supplies is beyond description alarming. It has been five or six weeks past on half

allowance, and we have not more than three days bread at a third allowance on hand, nor any where within reach. When this is exhausted we must depend on the precarious gleanings of the neighbouring country. Our magazines are absolutely empty every where, and our commissaries entirely destitute of money or credit to replenish them. We have never experienced a like extremity at any period of the war. We have often felt temporary want from accidental delays in forwarding supplies, but we always had something in our magazines and the means of procuring more. Neither one nor the other is at present the case. This representation is the result of a minute examination of our resources. Unless some extraordinary and immediate exertions are made by the States, from which we draw our supplies, there is every appearance that the army will infallibly disband in a fortnight. I think it my duty to lay this candid view of our situation before your Excellency, and to intreat the vigorous interposition of the state to rescue us from the danger of an event which if it did not prove the total ruin of our affairs, would a least give them a shock from which they would not easily recover, and plunge us into a train of new and still more perplexing embarrassments than any we have hitherto felt.

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I have the honor to be with the most perfect regard Your Excellency's Most ob^{t} Servt Go. Washington

[William Jacob, Baltimore to Gov. Lee.]

[Asks for a captaincy.]

December 16 Red Book No. 22 Letter No. 6

[H. Hollingsworth Head of Elk to the Honble Governor & Council]

December 21 See Liber C C No. 22 p. 48

And please your Excellency & Honors, Yesterday I rece^{d} a letter from the Board of War and another this day relative to the providing transports for the Troops bound to the southward, inclosed are Copys of their letters to which I refer to your Honour as the frost has put it out of my Power to comply with their request, as all the Vessels I have collected, and all that I could collect are now froze up in the head of the Bay, fifteen of which I had embark'd Genl Hogans Brigade & Baggage on board of, and now landing them again on the ice a little above Turkey Point, in order for their going by land, have Provided Wagons &^{ca} (at the Generals request who is indefatiagable to get forward).

You will observe by the contents of those letters that it is the opinion of the Honorable Board that the Virginia Troops shall go by water, and that Vessels be provided for that purpose that a post be provided that will not freese I sincerely wish I could comply with their request (but tis dificult) I would therefore advise that the Vessels be prepared at Annapolis no Port to the North of that will do, and those of the Eastern shore in particular are improper as the

Red Book No. 22 Troops & Baggage when embarked must be expected to sail with Western Wind which will detain them in any of the Eastern Shore Creeks, inlets, or Ports untill another Frost may happen, when from the City of Annapolis they may go off with a fair wind (the first of a N. Wester) and be out of danger before a frost can Check them, as you will observe by the inclos'd letters that the Board expects my answer, acquainting them of the probability of success and my opinion of the Possibility of getting Craft. Ile thank you to wright me on the Subject, and also to give your opinion of what place the Troops had best imbark at and when, and what Vessels can be had to carry them

December 17 [Richard Peters, By order, War office to Col Hollingsworth]

Sir On conversing with General Woodford we find that the Virginia Troops must inevitably go down the Bay by Water no Waggons being within our power to convey their Baggage. It seems most probable that the passage immediately by water from Elk will be Obstructed by the Ice, Therefore the Vessells must be collected at some place the least likely to be frozen up & on the Eastern side of Susquehanna Kent Island or Charles Town, to us have been mentioned but you will judge for Yourself being most intimately acquainted with Circumstances, Waggons must be in readiness to convey the Baggage to the place of Embarkation from Elk or indeed from Xteen for if the water Passage be practicable the Troops will take advantage of it, if not the Waggons conveying their Baggage by Land from hence can carry it to the Vessells. We wait with Impatience to hear what your success has been in Collecting Vessells.

December 18 [Tim. Pickering War Office to Colo Hollingsworth]

Sir We have rec^{d} your letter of the 16th Ins^{t} by Jiles. For answer relative to Craft to be provided for transporting the Virginia troops we refer you to our letter of yesterday sent off this day by Express, copy of which is inclosed, notwithstanding the difficulties attending their passage by water, we are convinced a land march would be still more embarrassing, and therefore urgenty repeat our request that you would spare no pains to procure the necessary number of transports, and collect them at some rendevous on the eastern shore (the most convenient you can find) that will assuredly remain open notwithstanding the Frosts

December 23 Red Book No. 5 Letter No. 29 [Henry Lee Junr Maj. Com. Md. Monmouth, to the Honr The Delegates in Congress from the State of Maryland

Gentlemen. I beg leave to refer to you the enclosed paragraph of a let. from Gen. Smallwood in answer to my application in behalf of the Maryland Officers in my corps.

I cannot but consider the restriction as very injurious, especially when a late resolution of Congress declares the additional battalions to be on the same footing as the troops from the State or States, to which they may respectively belong. Red Book No. 5

I flatter myself, that it will be in your power gentlemen to authorize Captain M^c^Lane to draw the full allowance to the Maryland gentlemen, & I assure you, that no relief can ever come more seasonably

[W. Smith Baltimore to the Honble Daniel Carroll Esqr] December 23

Sir Having seen an Advertisement by his Ex^cy^ the gov^r^ & Council respecting vessells wanted, on freight, I take the liberty of informing you, that I have now in port two good Vessells, one a Brig^a^ mounts Ten guns Six & four pounders, will carry about 80 hh^ds^ or 500 b^bles^ the other a remarkable fine schooner boat one of the best sailers in this Bay, she carries 2 guns Swivels &c^a^ I will take a freight for either or both those vessells to Hispaniola (which I presume is the best market in the W Indies for provisions) at the rate of 50 Livres ꝑ bbl for flour, clear of all dutys & port charges. I informed you in my last, that I had offerd those Vessells to Mr Holker, I have not yet rec^d^ his answer, but expect to hear from him by return of the post on friday. I have however some reason to expect Mr Holker does not want to freight any vessells immediately. Any return freights the State may want shall be brought on the Customary Terms I presume you will have found some general plan or find on terms to propose. I will therefore thank you for a line by way of information, should the state prefer giving a share of the Cargo in Lieu of freight it will be equally agreeable to me & I dont doubt generally so. Red Book No. 22 Letter No. 68

[Philip Key & Uriah Forrest to Gov. Lee] December 26

Sir The Schooner Union, Our Property, will carry about four hundred and fifty Barrels fflour She is now ready to take in her Load, and will Sail with the first Vessells that goes from Baltimore is a new Vessel & Promises to be a Prime Sailer We expect half the Proceeds in the West indies and will take in, freight free your Goods, Provided they are not of so Bulky a kind, as to more than half fill the schooner, & thereby Prevent our Importing an equal quantity. If your Excellency shou'd Accept this offer Please signify it as soon as Convenient, as the Tobacco with which we mean to Load in case you should not take her is an expence to us until on Board

[John Randall Camp Near Morris Town to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee] December 26

Sir I wrote you a letter the third Ins^t^ which I hope you receiv'd. I've issued all the Cloathing I brought up. am getting Overalls made

December 26 of the Cloth, but we are much retarded and find the work more tedious than expected for want of proper Implements which I've sent for to Philadelphia, when they arrive and the disagreable work of Cutting over expect to go on much faster. I find our calculations at Annapolis erronious Instead of two yards of ¾ Cloth I find it takes two and a half for a Middle Siz'd pair of Overalls, and more for large, those made at Annapolis were too short in general. I hope we shall profit by experience for the future and have our winter Cloathing provided in Summer.

The sufferings of our Troops, for many species of Cloathing is very distressing, especially Blankets Shoes Stockings or Socks, to wear with Overalls. Our dependence on the Continent is very uncertain even for coats and waistcoats. I've not yet been able to get proper returns of the deficiency as soon as I can I will transmit them and every other matter. I may think worthy your Excellency's attention.

December 27 Red Book No. 24 Letter No. 5 [Tim Pickering War Office to His Excellency, Thomas Sim Lee]

Sir Lt Colo Adams has shewn us a letter from General Smallwood inclosing the certificate of promotions herewith transmitted. A letter from Genl Washington of the 6th inst. agrees with that certificate as to the dates of Colo Stone's and Colo Richardson's resignations. Your ratification of the promotions of Colo Adams & Lt Colo Woolford will enable us to issue their commissions. The other promotions certified by Genl Smallwood are in suspense; and perhaps from the expected exchange of regiments it may be best to postpone the issuing Lt. Colo Woolford's commission

We have the honour to be with the greatest respect your very obedt Servants By order of the board

Brown Book No. 1 Letter No. 26 December 27 Copy. Extract [Henry Knox Morristown to George Washington]

I have the honor to return the letter from Governor Johnson of the State of Maryland to your Excellency of the 27th October last.

The proposal of making the companies of Artillery from that State one Corps would be complied with, totally derange the system of promotion in the line of Artillery, and introduce every bad consequence that can follow the superseding a great number of the Captains of Artillery who are senior to Capt. Brown, the oldest Capt. from the State of Maryland. And were the precedent fixed in this instance, each state who have two or three companies of Artillery, would for the gratification of its officers, use its influence to have separate Corps under the command of the senior officer of the State, at the expence of the destruction of the system of the Continental Artillery. Captains Brown's and Dorsey's companies from Maryland,

which joined the Army at Valley Forge, have been attached & annexed to Col° Harrison's Battalion of ten companies from the State of Virginia which completes that battalion according to the establishment of twelve companies. The principle of promotion in the Artillery is to rise to Captains regimentally, and to Field Officers in the line of the Corps. No promotion has yet taken place so as to intermix the Officers of the above two companies from Maryland with those from Virginia. The companies from Virginia will soon be so weak as not to have more than sixty or seventy inlisted for the war in the ten companies, whereas those three companies from Maryland, viz. Brown's Dorsey's and late Gales (a company which joined about three months ago, and whose Captain has died since that period) amount to about two hundred non-commissioned officers & Privates, most of whom are for the war.

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From this State of facts perhaps it may appear, that as the ten Virginia Companies are so weak it will be necessary to reduce them to eight and to make four companies of the three from Maryland to compose Col° Harrison's Battalion, which will make a promotion to Captaincies of Capt, Lieut^s Smith and Finley, the officers mentioned in the Governor's letter; and will be complying with his request and wish, so far as to provide for those two officers, and the making four companies from the State of Maryland; and will entirely prevent the confusion which would attend making a young Captain a Major.

The inconvenience that would result from this arrangement would be, that some of the Captain Lieut^s of the Virginia companies, who are senior to Capt. Lieut. Smith & Finley, would probably think themselves injured by the promotion of those Gentlemen to companies. Perhaps this is an evil which cannot be avoided, considering the political reasons which urge the measure.

If your Excellency should approve of this arrangement, which is agreeable to Genl Smallwoods sentiments, it would perhaps be necessary for a Resolve of Congress to incorporate the companies of the State of Maryland into Col Harrison's Battalion.

[Jas Calhoun, Baltimore, to His Excellency Gov Lee]

December 28

Sir I yesterday received Your Excellencies Letter of the 23^d Ins^t respecting the forwarding Cloathing to the Army. Capt Keeport informs me there will be about six Waggon Load and that there is no Troops here of the Maryland Line to Escort them except Serg^t Neary—the Captn intends waiting on you at Annapolis in a day or two & believe might be persuaded to take charge of the Cloathing to Camp if he can be spared from here.

See Liber C C No. 22 p. 48

The Purchasing Commissary has this day apply'd to me for Waggons to Transport 370 Barrels of Flour from this place and the Flour of 10500 Bushels of Wheat from Harford County to Camp.

December 28 this requisition it will be utterly imposible for me to comply with unless Teams impressed for the purpose as they are not to be had on hire in my District at any rate, and I have but three Public Teams here which is barely sufficient to Haul Hay and Firewood to this Post.

I must therefore be under the necessity of applying to Your Excellency and the Council to give such orders for the Impressing of Teams (as well for the Purpose of transporting Flour to the Army as the Cloathing above mentioned) as to Your Honble Board may seem meet

December 28 [Moses Rawlings, Fort Frederick, to Gov. Lee]

Sir I have the honour to acquaint your Excellency that Mr Reed has just return'd from Phila. by whom the Board of war informs me that the prisoners will be up in a few days, and as I have heard Nothing from your Excel^y^ respecting the Guard, I begin to grow very uneasy for fear they should arrive before I am Provided with a guard to receive them

I have sent Mr Jacobs To the Treasury of our State for seventy five thousand dollars By a request of Coll^o^ Blaine, Commissary General, who informs me he has a Draft on the Treasury for that sum. If the whole money Cannot be had at Annapolis I hope your Excellency will be pleased to Give me an order on the high Sheriff of Washington County for what Public money he Can Spare, for I am in great Distress for Cash in order to make good some Contracts

Your Excellency will please To inform me Respecting the Guard.

December 29 Red Book No. 25 No. 45 [Invoice of 6 Bales Woolens purchased by Wm Young in the State of Virginia and Consigned Mr Daniel Bowly for Sale ꝑ Sloop Polly.]

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1 Bale green double Cloth		195..0..0	
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			474..16.. 1½
Advance 4600 ꝑ Cent			21841.. 1.. 9
	Virg^a^ Cur.		22315..17..10½
25 ꝑ C^t^ to reduce it into Maryland Cur.			5578..19.. 5
			27894..17.. 3½
To Sloop Polly for freight			166..13.. 4
			£28061..10.. 7½

Baltimore 29th Decem 1779 I hereby Certify that the above is a fair and true Copy of Mr Young's Invoice of Goods bought by him of Well's Cooper & Co. at Nansemond in Virginia. Red Book No. 25

Dan. Bowly

[Geo. Plater and James Forbes, Philadelphia, to Gov. Lee] December 29

Sir We received the inclosed from Major Lee the other Day. I beg Leave to forward it for the Consideration of your Excellency & the Council, being well assured that you will do all in your Power to relieve the Necessities of those valuable Men who are in Maj. Lee's Corps. We have applied to the Board of War, I find nothing can be done here. On the 23d inst. an Embarkation took Place at New York, & from the Number of Vessels one hundred sixty three, we apprehend it to be very considerable. their Destination not certainly known, but from Circumstances we fear they are intended, in Part or the whole, to reinforce their Troops in the Southern Quarter. Red Book No. 5 Letter No. 28

[Wm Hanna, Annapolis, to Council] December 30

[Offers to build a "brig proper for a letter of mark" with materials from the Eastern Shore]

[H. Hollingsworth Head of Elk, to His Excellency the Governor and the Honourable Council] December 30

Gentlemen I yesterday recd an Order on the Treasury of this State for four hundred Thousand dollars, one hundred & fifty thousand of which in favor of James Calhoon Esqr D. Q. M. Gl Baltimore, the other Two hundred and fifty thousand to my use at this post, where I am in the greatest want of it, my reasons for trouble your Excellency and Honnours on this Occasion is that this day I saw Mr John Strawbridge late Sheriff & Collector for this Coty who Informed me that he had about one hundred thousand Pounds Collected which he should be glad to pay to me providing I had an Order on him. I submit it whether an order to me, on Mr Strawbridge from your Treasury for my part of the order and my Rect would not answer every end as fully as if Mr Strawbridge should go down with the money, and save much time and some Expence, Thos Jiles my Express waits on Mr Harwood with the order who is a safe hand for either the money or Order, and waits your direction on the matter

[H. Hollingsworth D. Q. M. G. to His Excellency the Governor and the Honourable Council] December 30

And please your Excellency and Honours. As I find a second attact made on my Character to the Northward, while I have been engaged in Assisting General Hogans Brigade of Carolina Troops to

December 30 the Southward and makeing Preperation for the Virginia Division, not doubting but the same cause which actuated my Enemy's to this act in Philadelphia though disapointed may have induced their Attact elsewhere, therefore least that should be the case I have taken the Liberty to Inclose three Letters which passed between Major General Green and myself on a Similar Occasion, I say Similar because it was by the same persons and actuated by the same cause (Disapointment) in which Letters your Honours will Observe after the Strictest Scrutiny the General rather thanks and applauds my Conduct than Censures it, since which I have had the Honour to pass my Accounts with Col° Charles Pettit A. Q. M. G. to the first of August, without the least Objection, as will appear by the Inclosed Certificate, and am now makeing them out to this date, not doubting in the least of giveing the same Satisfaction, as I am Premiture in this defence, not knowing (for certain) that there has been any Charge laid with you, only judging from what has been done in other places, I take the Liberty of this Oppertunity to Solicit that should any such Accusations have been laid (or may hereafter) that I may have an open and Candid Hearing before any Judgment is given, or measures taken to my Prejudice this common Justice Imboldens me to Solicit and Expect from your Excellency and Honours

P. S. I beg leave to Solicit the return of the Inclosed Letters ꝑ Bearer

1780 January

[Robert Buchanan to Gov Lee]

Sir The inclosed Letter which I have this Moment received from the Deputy Comm^y Genl I have shewn to the Commissioners under the late Act of Assembly in Order to induce them to stop the sending forward Flour. They do not think themselves at liberty to take any Notice of it without your Excellencys orders and have requested me to transmit it to you for your Consideration. During the absence of the Bearer I shall think it my duty to refuse delivering any more Flour out of my Magazine and shall therefore anxiously wait your Excellencys Answer.

N B. Your Excellency will please return me the inclosed by the Bearer.

January 1 Red Book No. 23 Letter No. 65

[John McClellan, Richd Lemmon and I. Griest, Baltimore to Gov. Lee]

Sir We are sorry to be under the necessity of giving your Excell^y and their Hon^rs such repeated trouble, but as we wish to conduct ourselves in the most unexceptionable manner, especially as we have many Enemies, we hope you will excuse us. We have seized a quantity of Indian Corn in the hands of Mr Willm Spear, perhaps

three or four hund^{d} Bushels, Mr Spear alledges he purchased it for Mr Weston and would have us to consider it as Mr Weston's, tho it has not been delivered, but intended to be delivered in consideration of a former contract between them, as it is alledged by Mr Spear that it was imported from Virginia, we are somewhat doubtful in what manner to proceed, especially as the Laws of the last Session of Assembly have not yet come up. Red Book No. 23

We would further beg your patience in informing us [whether] all wheat and other grain which we have found, or may find in warehouses is subject to seizure, or whether it is to be taken in the proportions mentioned in the Law for supplying the Army. We are at a loss to Judge whether grain found as above will fall under the Ingrossing Law, and consequently subject the whole to seizure or not. We hope in a few days to furnish y^{r} Excel^{y} and their Hon^{rs} with a particular Account of seisures and disbursements by us. In the mean time must request your order for £3000 more in order to enable us to proceed effectually the contents of your first order being nearly expended.

[Henry Shryock, Hagerstown to Gov Lee] January 2 Red Book No. 27 Letter No. 12

Sir Agreable to your Excelencys Request I have sent By Doc^{r} Henry Shnebely the three Horses Purchased By Me and Viewed By Coll Rawlings and have Inclosed his Certificate I have Not yet Rec^{d} a Suficient Sum of Mony on the order your Excelency sent Me on the Collector to Descharge My ac^{t} But Expected In a few Days When I shall Make out My ac^{t} and Transmit the same to your Excelency

[C'd T. Wederstrandt, Wye River, Queen Ann's C^{ty} to Gov. Lee] January 2

2^{d} January 1780

Sir I have the honour to transmit to your Excellency an Acc^{t} herein inclosed of 5233$^{\#}$ of beef purchased for this State and sent to Annapolis ꝑ the State boat Plater, James Stewart master the 16th Ult^{o} The hard weather Setting prevented any more to be done that way, particularly as I could not procure John Beale Bordley Esq$^{r's}$ Cattle, which I am rightly informed he has sold nearly for as much more money as I was limited p^{r} your order.

My general purchases have been much hurt for the want of cash, having been penyless this month pass; The Express I expected from Philadelphia with a Supply not coming, I sent there Mr Robert Walters but he returned without any Col. Blaine being at head Quarters; He brought me an Account that a warrant was granted by Congress on Thom^{s} Harwood Esqr Treasurer, who has order to pay me Three hundred & fifty thousand dollars: but that sum is insufficient to one indebted for the States upwards of £200000,

January 2 before the pork purchase begun; It is true I have but a poor prospect to effectuate it for for the want of cash: yet on public faith I get some at £75..—..— & so being determined not to exceed that price unless I am ordered: tho' private purchasers have given in my neighbourhood £80..—..— & the rise of the market; £85..—..— & £100, Certain, and that I am informed Mr Page in Kent County purchasing for the States under Col Patrick Ewing gives £100..—..— ꝑ hundred weight for it but I can't take on me to follow those Examples who are too ruinous to the public Credit, and I believe all pork might have been purchased at £75..—..— ꝑ hundred weight and the Sellers satisfyed

Should I be able to Cross the baye from Kent Island I shall wait on your Excellency Tuesday next; but should the weather prevent it, I shall be much obliged to you to send me ꝑ the return of the bearer Mr Grason, the Commodore's nephew, an order on the Treasurer of the State on the Eastern shore, by which my present distress may be alleviated, and I may be able to go on with the large purchases expected from me; for without timely assistance I am ruined, The Army must Suffer or the necessaries hereafter procured at a considerable advance.

Your flour was not ready to send ꝑ the Plater since Ten days it is in Store at Emerson's landing on this river and I shall forward it to Annapolis ꝑ first opportunity after the navigation at that place is free from Ice, as the waggoning of it to the mouth of the river would cost upwards of Sixty pounds, about £6..—..— ꝑ bar^l

Superfine flour ꝑ C^t £60..—..— Common ditto ꝑ C^t 52..—..10—

January 3 [W. Smith, Baltimore, to Gov. Lee "in Councill"]

Sir I am directed by the Agent general for the Marine of France to load flour for the fleet & army of his most Christian Majesty in the West Indies, on Board the Brig. Hawke, commanded by Capt. Taylor.

The Hawke mounts ten carriage guns and will carry about thirty men. I must therefore request your Excellency will send ꝑ the bearer hereof of a permission to take this Cargo on Board.

This State has an acc^t against me for shot furnish'd Capt. Harrison of the Defence. If convenient I wish to have by return of the bearer to enable me to close the Acco^ts of that unfortunate adventure.

P. S. You'll oblige me much by despatching the bearer as soon as may be, as he goes express on this business

January 3 [W. Smith, Baltimore, to Gov. Lee]

Sir Since I closed my letter of this date I have seen an Extract from an Acc^t of Assembly, for supplying the Army with flour &c^a by which Comm^rs are empowered to seize in the hands of all persons

without exception such flour as may be found. And as I have a quantity of wheat & flour purchased for the Marine of France, I would be obligd to your Excell^{y} & the Council for information on this head, as I have understood the commiss^{rs} are of oppinion this flour comes within the Law, and I would Just beg leave to observe that several Vessells are chartered to Carry the provisions in my possession to the fleet. And some transports are dayly lookd for from the West Indies for the same purpose. I have taken the liberty to mention this matter, as I observe the com^{rs} are under the direction of the Govr & Council January 3

[J. Gunby Camp near Morris Town to Col Forrest] January 3

Dr Forrest From our present Arrangement of Field Officers I have the Honour to claim you as Lieu^{t} Colonel to the 7th Regiment and shall have you muster'd accordingly, the bearer of this Serjeant Enoch McLane, I beg leave to Recommend as an honest fine Lad, and send him to you for the purpose of a Recruiting Serjeant, to be continued as long as you may think proper, or while recall'd and to receive your orders & directions for the Execution of that business, Capt Beatty is ordered to Frederick Town with a Drum & fife, and Capt Lieu^{t} Beall to George Town, as Recruiting officers; Serjeants David Green Robert Green and Robert Yates, of the seventh Regiment, are Recommended for Commissions in said Regiment; and will Apply to you for your Instructions, and Assistance, in the Recruiting Business, Please have Money drawn for that purpose, & give them your orders, Your Interest I am well convinced will tend much to the Promotion of the Regiment; if Cloathing is to be had in the State, be as Early as you can in drawing for the Recruits, of the Regiment, if Captain Beatty & Beall could have Clothing drawn for them, and in readiness, that as soon as a man Enlists, Scour him up, shave his face, put a new Suit of Cloaths on him, powder his head, and make a Gentleman of them, as soon as they become Soldiers, it would be a great Inducement for their Inlisting & I am Confident there would not be half so many Desertions, with Recruits in the State, that heretofore have been, I have the Pleasure to Inform you that Excepting the 3^{d} the 7th is the Strongest Regiment in the Maryland Line & flatter myself that with your Assistance it will soon be the Strongest & best in the Line, as we have few good Serjeants now left in the Regiment, would be glad of your endeavours to have some Enlisted, which are qualified to fill the places of those who are promoted; the news of Camp Refer you to Genl Smallwood, & Capt. Jones & believe me Dear Forrest to be with every Sentiment of Respect and Esteem. Your sincere Friend & most Obed^{t} H^{ble} Servt

January 3 [Sam Smith Balt to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esqr]

Sir I Had the Honor to receive your Excell^{ys} favor of the 24th Ult. & Note its Contents. The Terms I propos'd were first one Half for carrying the other. this I will give myself in Tobacco, the other are the same as given by the French & few Vessells have heretofore offer'd even at that, The low price of Tobacco in the West Indies at this Time is the Reason why Vessells are now to be had with less difficulty. I do not understand how, I, who am only the Carryer can be at Liberty when Connected with the Public to ship flour. (the article, I presume, which Bears the Best Price), if you permit me to be a Shipper it would make a difference in my Demands altho that article has certainly fallen very much on all the Islands. In St Eustatius it sold by last acco^{t} for 8 Doll^{s} ꝑ B^{ble} in Cape Francois (the very Best Markett) at 9d @ 120 Livres ꝑ B^{l} equal to £4..10..5 this Curr^{y} The Severe weather has prevented us from loading, if your Excell^{y} will inform me your Terms you propose to allow I will be glad to accept them, if not at too great Disadvantage, I shall be glad you would inform me as soon as possible I also expect a very fine Schooner from Virg^{a} every Day, which if the Terms fails I would put into the Public service

I am inform'd that a Law has pass'd the House to seize on all flour without making any provision for public purchases, your Excell^{y} recollects that I had permission to purchase for the State of Virg^{a} a part of which I Have in warehouse some in the Mills & some in the farmers Hands, I should be glad to know whether the Law can mean that this flour is to be seiz'd & the State of Virg^{a} to take Certificates, for Payment, is not the faith of the State pledg'd for the Export, I shall be glad to be inform'd by your Excell^{y} (from whom my Permit is how to act, it will be an easy Mode for the Commissioners to provide for the Army by seizing Mr W. Smith & my purchases, if necessary I would preferr Sending, indeed on being properly secur'd I would have no Objection to Send.

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No. 5
Letter
No. 95
For'd
General
Smallwood

[Geo Plater & James Forbes Philadelphia to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esqr]

Sir Since our last addressed to your Excellency we are favor'd with the inclosed from Maj. Lee which we take the liberty to forward by General Smallwood, who will give every Information relative to the Subject.

P. S. The Troops sailed from N. York by the last Intelligence are six british Regiments, the Grenadiers & light Infantry of the Army, Rawdon's Corps, the Legion, the Queen Rangers, & Hessian Grenadiers making about five thousand effectives.

[Henry Lee Junr Ma. Com. Md. to the Delegates from the State of Maryland in Congress, Philadelphia] Brown Book No. 8 Letter No. 19

Gentlemen I have the honor of your let. of the 24th I am sorry that any previous Steps are necessary for the completion of my request. The season of the year is rigerous, the gentlemen destitute of cloathing & their brother officers from Virginia comfortably supplied.

This latter circumstance must wound the feelings of men of equal merit & whose claim of attention from their country has the same foundation.

A general return of my corps agreeable to a late resolution of Congress has been for some time past lodged with the board of war.

Captain McLane has directed me to make an extract of the Maryland officers & soldiers & to present it

[Uriah Forrest, Baltimore Town to Mr. Carroll] January 8

Dear Sir inclosed is a sample of the Cloth you requested. I've examined the Stores here relative to Cloths Linens &ca & find that Dorsey, Hammond & Steward, have an Assortment in which there is a Sufficient quantity of Blue Broad Cloth to Coate the whole of the Officers, there is several Pieces of coarse Blue and White that wou'd answer well for the Soldiery, about one half is of other Colours & they will not sell any part without the whole, I have no doubt but it wou'd satisfy the Officers to take the Cold for Waiscoats & Breeches, to these Cloths is tacked a parcell of Shalloons but as the quantity will be more than necessary in making up the Cloaths, the Owners will agree to keep one half wch will not leave for sale more than suff^t as they are all white & blue, the Colours that will be wanting. they have also four very large Bolts of Baze which I apprehend woud answer for Blanketts, by having it doubled, it is 8/4 wide & would only come to 60 £ a blankett at 100 s. upon the Livre the price they ask for the Goods, I am induced to take the liberty of suggesting this mode of procuring Blanketts, from the distressed Situation the Troops are represented to be in, not more than one blanket to four Men; the fine Cloth will be about 75 £ a yard. Col. Dorsey talks of going to Annas in which case he will offer the Council these Goods, I do not think it is probable that such a parcell of Blue will readily be met with again on so good terms. Mr Hudson who has the management of this Spanish Cargoe has a few ps of coarse blue Cloth. He has also a parcel of ready made Shirts of pretty good quality at £30, he has every kind of Linen, for which he asks £6 for the Livre, but I believe wou'd take something lower for the fine, he has likewise low Priced Cambricks, stockings and a fine Parcel of Hatts that wou'd come much lower for

January 8 your Officers than they can be otherways procured. It was at his request that I look'd into these Goods he having understood that your Council wou'd want, etc If this should be the case I shall readily do any thing that you may require here as the weather is such that I cannot be able to get from hence before Wednesday Morning, if so soon, I am uneasy for fear I may be wanted at Ann^{s} Capt. Marbury by whom this goes can inform you the situation of our Troops, near 70 men has been discharged from my Reg^{t} thro the course of last week & from the Present distresses of the Army I am fearfull few of them will reinlist & such as does will enter the Pennsylvania Line, as their soldiers who lays at one end of Ours has been sometime Passed regularly furnished with rum & other Necessaries. The officers who have come down informs me that the Line expected Stores there to be Issued on the 1st day of Jan^{ry} & that the Cont^{l} Commissaries have no Spirit at all. Capt Keeport will meet with difficulty in getting waggons he writes his Excellency by this opportunity I am with great respect Sir Your Obed^{t} Servt

January 8 [Sam Smith, Balt, to His Excellcy Thos Sim Lee Esqr]

Sir I did myself the Honor of writing your Excell^{y} by Mr Knox, since which Mr W. Smith the French Agent has shew'd me a Letter from your Excell^{y} from which I conclude the flour Bo^{t} by me for the State of Virg^{a} will also be seiz'd. Mr Buchanan forwards a Letter from the Commissary General by which it appears that the immediate wants of the Camp are supplied & that the flour will most be wanted here; If your Excell^{y} should draw the same Inference I flatter myself you will favor me with a general order to prevent the seizure of the flour Bo^{t} by me for Virginia, now in the diff^{t} parts of the State or at least for what I may have in this County. I Have not purchas'd more than 1600 Bb^{les}, my Permit is for 2000 This I will make Appear if you think Necessary

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Letter
No. 18

Geo. P. Keeports Baltimore to Gov Lee]

May It Please Your Excellency I am Sorry its not in my Power to Give a more Satisfactory Acc^{t} of my Success Getting Waggons I Try'd all About Town but Cannot get one Waggon by Perswasion only the Commissioners have Press'd all the Waggons in Town and in the Neighbourhood for Conveying Flour to Susquehannah So that I am at a Loss what too do to Procure Waggons Without having Authority for Pressing. I am Just going out in the County to Try Again but have Little Hope of Success I Apply'd to the comissioners for Authority for Pressing Waggons for this Purpose but they say they have no such Authority and have Refused me Any Assistance

[Holker to Luzerne.]

Brown Book No. 7 Letter No. 39 January 10

J'ai l'honneur de Vous transmettre ce jour une lettre et une copie d'une loi recente de l'Etat de Maryland que je recois à l'instant du Sr. William Smith, Agt à Baltimore. Comme elle est de nature à Vous donner l'allarme par rapport à toutes les operations concerties dans les yles on meditcés pour d'autres places pendant le cours de l'Eté proclain, come il se pourroit en outre que les batimens et flottes que j'attends de la Martinique en supplement à ceux qui etoient destiné par M. le Cte. d'Estaing pour la Baye de Chesapeak et que les officers du Roi, ont oui devoir sacrificer et vendre à l'Etat de la Caroline à l'effet de contribuer autant qu'il etoit en eux à la sureté et à la deffence de cette place, comme il se pourroit que ces flottes arrivassent incessament et que je sois forcé de les renvoyer sur leur teste, si on saiser les farines et bleds que j'ai fait acheter au Maryland, comme d'ailleurs toutes mes transactions et tous mes engagemens deviendront par la non seulement precaire, mais pourroient tourner à mon deshonneur et à la ruine des operations de la Marine du Roi in Amerique, je ne puis m'empécher de reclamer de la maniere la plus instante, la protection de Votre Caractere aupres du Congrès et des Etats unis en cetté occasion en Vous observant que si la loi du Maryland est mise à execution par raport aux provision qui j'ai fait rassembler à nos frais et avec toutes les precautions possibles, je ne pourrai desormais faire un seul pas vers le service du Roi et que je me verrai contraint de payer de fortes indemnités à tous ceux vis à vis desquels j'ai pris des engagemens V. E. est instructe des difficultés sans nombre que j'ai eprouvies depuis que je me suis occupé en ce pays du services de la marine du Roi, Elles semble se multiplier à chaque instant et sont devenues celles que je vois forcé à Vous declarer, qui je ne puis être garantoir repondre de la necessite de la moindre operation, à moins que Vous ne puissiez an plutôt determiner le Congrès à prende auprès de tous et chacun des Etats l'union des mesures decisives et efficaces à l'effet le faire respectér mes transactions faites au nom et pour le compte de S. M., Vous reiteront mes offres d'obliger mes agents et Correspondans à se conformer à telles formalites convenables que l'on jugera à propos de préscrire pour la tranquillité et la satisfaction générale.

[Chevalier de la Luzerne, Philadelphia, to Gov. "Simèon" Lee]

Brown Book No. 7 Letter No. 35 January 11

Monsieur I'ai l'honneur d'adresser à Votre Excellence copie d'une lettre que je viens de recevoir de Mr Holker, Consul de France et Agent général de la Marine du Roi. Je joins également ici un Mémoire que je viens d'adresser au Congrēs. Je u'ai pas cru devoir attendre le réponse de ce Senat pour Vous prier de vouloir bien mettre sous les yeux de l'assembleé Générale ou du Concil de Maryland l'affaire dont il s'agit dans ces deux pieces. Elle est trop

Brown Book No. 7 pressante pour que je n'aye pas pris la résolution de m'adresser a Vous directement et sans delai. j'espère que dès que Vous seréz informé de l'importance dont il est pour le succès des operations de nos flottes et Escadres de ne pas troubler le Service des agens françois, Vous voudréz bien donner ou procurer les ordres nécéssaires pour que les approvisionnemens confiés au Sr Smith soient exceptés de la Loi portée par l'Etat de Maryland et en cas que ce provisions ayent déjà éte enlevées, pour les faire remplacer sans delai Je remets avc confiance entre Vos mains, Monsieur les interests des garrissons dans les Iles Françoises et des forces navales de S. M. parceque j'ai déjà éprové que Vos dispositions et celles de l'Etat, au gouvernement duquel Vous présidez, sont telles que nous pouvons les désirer le la part bons et fidèles alliés. Je Vous prie d'etre bien persuadé que de mon coté je concourrerai avec joye à toutes les Mesures qui pourront etre prises pour mettre les Comissionaires chargés de faire pour notre compte des achats de Subsistances dans l'impossibilité absolue d'abuser der moyens qui leur serout confiés.

Je suis avec un respectueux attachement Monsieur De Votre Excellence le'bien humble et très obeissant Serviteur

January 12 Red Book No. 30 Letter No. 19

[Geo. P. Keeports Baltimore to Mr. John Muir Annapolis]

Dear Sir I Received yours of the 9th Ins^t But have it not in my Power to purchase pewter under 40 dollars p ^H nor thread Without Continent^l Money as New Emission (without that which is Countersigned By Congress) will not Purchase such Articles I have a Considerable Quantity of Buttons By me Left of those I Rec^d from you some time ago which I shall send you By the First oppertunity

January 12

[J. Hammond, Acton Hall, to Gov. Lee]

Sir It is with Reluctance, I presume, to trouble your Excellency with a Matter, in one Point of View, of a private Nature, that in another, of very Publick Çoncern: Some Soldiers of a recruiting Party, (under Captains Bell & Beatys, as they inform me) have been detected by my People, in plundering me of, and carrying away my Fencing from my House, near Town; and being caught in the Fact, about Day-Break this morning, and brought before me; one of them for his Impudence (more than the Value of the Spoil,) in threatning that he wou'd pull down, and destroy what he pleased, as well as my House, if he was mislisted for his Conduct, received a moderate Chastisement at my Hands; whilst the other, who stated the Distresses of their Party, thro' want of Firewood and alledged that in Excuse of his Behaviour; was instantly released, and suffered quietly to depart, with the bare Caution of not offending in like manner again, and with an Assurance that upon an honest Application for Firewood, I wou'd endeavour in some measure, to

relieve their wants:—Since which, I have been visited by five or six of them; Some of them questioning by what Authority I chastised the Man; and. on being answered for clandestinely despoiling me of my Property; one of them, in particular told me, that it had not been uncommon with them to take Fencing for Firewood, wherever they cou'd find it and in what Quantities they pleased; That they had practised it before in other States, and shou'd not scruple to do it in this State, (where they were worse provided, than in any they had been) and were left by their Superiors, to shift for themselves (or words to such Effect) January 12

Your Excellency, on a little Consideration, will I flatter myself, be induced to grant me, your favourable Excuse (which I entreat) for the seeming Unimportance of these hasty Lines addressed to you. They are, communicated Sir, for the sake of these Sufferers—if their Complaints be true, as they aver them to be. That a proper Channel for Enquiry into them, be opened; and their Distresses relieved, if real; (and unto which I am ready to contribute my Mite, if required) That the Inhabitants of this Community over which Sir, you have the Honour to preside and who are paying very heavy Taxes, and are likely to pay more, for the due Support of the Army, & of Civil Government, may in Consideration of these Payments enjoy the Remainder of their Property, continually decreasing by encreasing Burthens in Peace and Safety, and under the Sanction of the Laws of this State, which I trust it is no less, your Excellency's Department, than it is your Inclination, to preserve, and maintain inviolate among us.

[Wm Jacob to Council] January 14

[Asks to be appointed Sheriff of Baltimore.]

[Robert Buchanan to Gov Lee.] January 15

[He cannot take oath of commissary and quartermaster, and will not serve after February 1.]

[William Clark, "Backweek," to the Council] January 15 Red Book No. 23 Letter No. 81

Gentlemen I have Loded your Brigead of Wagons, and sent them with 88 Barrels of Super fine flower and since I have Been offered Seventy five Pounds By Cornet Isack Cartey Comishener ounder Cornel Epheram Blean and his Exceleant governer Seazer Radney offered mee the same Gentelmen I hope you will not meake mee worse then I have Been offered as It will Bee Empoverishing your own Steat But Bee It as It will I will Bee Contented. There Is more Redey you may send for It when you Please from gentelmen your H^ble^ Ser^t^

Gentlemen From the above you will discover the prices offered in the delaware State and close on our line. People with us are

Red Book No. 23 distracted that they shou'd part with their property for less then their Neighbours, and we are distressed to know what to do for the best. Your Advice will much oblige Gentlemen Your Obed^{t} Servt John Cox Saml Gilpin Elij^{a} Cole

January 15 [Solomon Stympson to Mountgomery County to Gov. Lee]

May it please your Excellency Sir Agreeable to your Instructions and the Act of Assembly I have purchased 2152 Bushells Corn 29 Bush^{ls} Wheat 58 Bush^{ls} Rye the Corn in Ears at Eight pound p^{r} Bush^{l} wheat at fifteen pound and Rye at Eleven pound five shillings there is a Quantity of the corn I bought on Islands in the River Potomack and they will not take Less than the price that is given on the main and it will be very Expensive to Remove the Corn of the Islands, as numbers of people wants to buy and will give a Greater price and take it from the Corn house, so that I am at a Loss what to do if I should Call a third person I believe they would allow the price Equall with what others gett on the main, what Grain I have purchased is in fifty Different hands so of course there must be more printed Certificates; I have only Rec^{d} Ten sheets, the people wants to Deliver there Corn and Receive there Certificates for they think there price Low and threaten to Measure the Grain at my Risque I cannot gett bages nor do I know of any way that it can be Removed, if it should be sent in Ears it will waste Exceedingly nor can I Engage people to shell the Corn at Less than Eight Dollars p Barrell it is very Difficult to gett Store houses in my Neighbourhood and the few there is at Great Distance which would be Expensive to Transport the Grain to if we had bages, And it would Answer I think I could convey the grain to Frederick town if the weather would permit and there I believe the Country hath Magazeens to Receive it, for there is but very few good Teemes in my Neighbourhood, and in Frederick County there is plenty of good Carriages I hope to Receive your Instructions soon that I may know how further to Act I am under promise to the people as the purchase is publick that they shall have Equall price, but I am doubtfull there will be but Little more to purchase in my Neighbourhood

Red Book No. 30 Letter No. 20 January 17 [Geo P. Keeports Baltimore, to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esqr]

May It Please your Excellency I am Sorry it is not in my Power as yet to give you an Account of my Departure I have Try'd through Town and Country to get Waggons but it seems in Vain the Commissioners have Impressed Every Waggon that is Able within 20 Miles of the Town; I Cannot find more then Two that will Engage to go and their Terms is £40 p^{r} day and Every thing found them they Likewise want their Teems Insured if any Accident

should Happen to Waggon or Horses that they must be Paid for them what Ever they are Valued at before they set off. If I had Authority for Impressing Waggons to go as far as Susquehannah only I think after Getting them that far Could Prevail on them to Continue the Whole Jurney or Procure other Waggons there

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[Sam Huntington, President Philadelphia, to the Govr (Lee) of Maryland]

January 18
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Letter No. 23

(Circular) Sir Your Excellency will receive herewith enclos'd two Acts of Congress of the 13th & 14th Instant

The former containing the regulations relating to prisoners of War whether taken by the Continental Troops or captured by the Arms of any particular State either by sea or Land.

Many difficulties have frequently occurred for want of such a general regulation too numerous to be recited. It is that the first paragraph of the Act recommending to the Executive of the several States to transmit to Genl Washington with all possible Expedition the names & rank of all Officers & the number of privates belonging to the Enemy held as prisoners of war in each State and the places they are at &c should be complied with as soon as possible by those States that have any number of prisoners.

The other Act of the 14th Instant recommending to the Legislature of the several United States to make provision when not already made for conferring like priviledges & Imunities on the Subjects of his most Christian Majesty as are granted to the Subjects & Inhabitants of these United States by the recited Articles in the Treaty & Commerce will no doubt be chearfully complied with by each of the States

His most Christian Majesty as soon as the Treaty became known published an Edict conformable to that article exempting the Subjects & Inhabitants of these

I have the honour to be with every Sentiment of respect Your Excys hble Servt

[William McBryde to Gov. Lee]

January 19

Sir Agreeable to a Commission Received in April Last, to Purchase Flower &c. I Bot 152 Barrells & Wrote Governor Johnston Twice about it; seeing from a Late Resolve of Convention that the army have Suffered for want of Bread, (which I am Sincerely Sorry for) thought it proper to inform you, that the flower is Still in my Grainery, but Some of it, is Turn'd a Little Sour, tho' Good when Purchased, being Last May; as I had a Ballance on hand belonging to the State, have Laid it out in Corn, for that Purpose, but should this Step be Disagreeable, Can in a Days Notice Turn it to Money

January 19 again, tho' I did from the Present want, thinking it best, if you want the flower Carryed to any part of the Bay, Please inform me. Likewise about the Corn, there is vessells to be got as Cheap as any where, to Cary anything in the Bay

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Letter
No. 11

[Thos Bond, Philadelphia, to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee, Esqr.]

Dear Sir After a very Cold & disagreable Ride I have at length got home & regretted very much my not returning to Annapolis & enjoying the Agreable Society I met with there. Your Civilities demand my warmest acknowledgments & believe me Sir I hold myself ready to return you any Services in my Power, but must beg a further Extension on your Part which I do the more readily as the Business I now trouble you with is pro bono publico; I still imagine the Hogshead of Medicines in your State Store to be part of a Cargo we were to have received from Mr Morris Mercht of this Town & I am the more inclined to that Belief from the following Circumstances, viz their coming from Cambridge where all that we have received came from & from the inclosed Invoice which I think they are a part of, as all those Medicines marked thus + have not come to hand, Our Apothecary General Doc. Craigie is convinced they must be ours; I shall be glad to hear from you what the Government of Maryland have determin'd about them be assured the Army stand much in need of most of the Articles I saw taken out of the hhd while in Annapolis, if they shou'd incline to deliver them over to the Continent, I shall be obliged by your ordering the Store Keeper to forward them as soon as the weather breaks up to my Care, I beg you to accept of my best wishes for your Health & Happiness

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No. 27
January 24

[George Washington, Headquarters, Morristown, to Gov. Lee]

Sir I have been honored with your Excellency's letter of Decr 26th and its enclosure. The immediate attention of government to the distresses of the Army, and the effectual assistance promised from the operation of the act cannot but claim the acknowlegements of every good citizen. I flatter myself from your exertions, and those of the other States from which we derive our supplies, that we shall not again experience a like evil.

I have the honor to be with the greatest regard, Your Excellency's Most ob: Servt Go Washington

January 25
Red Book
No. 30
Letter
No. 21

[Geo P. Keeports Baltimore to Gov. Lee]

May It Please Your Excellency I have at Length Engaged a Sufficient Number of Waggons to Take the Cloathing to Camp

and am Now offered more then I have Need for at Present. I have been oblidged to Engage them at £35 p^{r} day and Two at £40 p^{r} Day and find them the Men and Horses the Continental Allowance. I Imagine it will Take Nine or Ten Waggons but Cannot be Certain to a Waggon There is Three Spare Waggons to Attend Ready to start with me if I have Loads for them and if not they Take Flour to Susquehannah; I have ordered all the Waggons to be in on Thursday morning Next at which Time Expect to start from Here. There is several of the Waggoners to whom I must advance Money before they Start Which Oblidges me to Request the Favour of Your Excell^{y} to send me besides the Ballance of my Account Four or Five Thousand pounds by the Barer of this Letter (Jeremiah Swain) whom I have Hired on Purpose to go to Annapolis. Your Excell^{y} will Please to Dispatch him as Quick as Possable so that he may be Here by 2 o'clock Thursday. If there is any Further Buissness for me to Transact Either at Camp or on the Road you will Please to Inform me. The Care of the Cloth Bo^{t} of Col^{o} Dorsey & Hammond and the other Stores I leave to a Mr William Banks who is a Young Gentleman Very Attentive and Careful and will Act for me in my Absence. Shou'd be Glad to know if the Soldiers at the Fort are to be Discharged or what is to be done Concerning them as they are Inlisted to Serve in that Place only and the Provision is Just out If they are not Discharged shall be oblidged to Purchase more Provision for them. My Time is too Short to send an Invoice of the Cloathing I take out with me by this oppertunity as I am Just Receiving the Cloth from Mr Dorsey & Hammond, but shall Leave it to be sent by the First Oppertunity

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NB There is About 40 Dozen of Excellent Stockings to be had here if Wanting @ £185 p^{r} Doz

[Ezek Forman, Chestertown, to Exy Governor Lee]

January 26
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Letter No. 156

Sir From your Excellency's well known character, I esteem it quite unnecessary to spend time, and take up your attention with apologies for the liberty I take of presenting to you the within Letter. As the pleasure of doing good has always been grateful to your feelings in private life, those feelings must, and will I am sure, be more indulged in your Public character, it may increase the opportunities.

I would Just remark to your Excellency that I have had an intimate acquaintance with Mr Voorhees for twenty years past. he has done business as a Merchant in this County for near fifteen years with intire reputation, and had acquired a very pretty fortune, which lay out in Bonds and Book Debts. At the commencement of the Present War this Gentleman declined business, he could not reconcile the manner of doing it, with his Whig Principals, however,

Red Book No. 20 in the course of a short time he found himself in possession of the *nominal* sum of his whole Fortune, paid in to him contrary to his wishes. In that situation he had nothing left but to employ his money in Trade, or be utterly ruined. A few Days before this violent Frost sat in, he went to Baltimore, laid out a large sum of Money for articles of Trade, to employ him thro' the Winter. The Vessel bearing his purchases from Baltimore was caught in the Ice, & was lost with her whole Cargoe—Such is the fate of this Worthy man.

Should your Excellency with your Council, have any appointments to make on this Shore, that would be advantageous, I can pledge myself you will not be deceived by applying to Mr Voorhees, who I think has a competent knowledge of business for the transacting any matters he may be entrusted with, with that kind of integrity which is not common enough amongst Man Kind

January 27 Red Book No. 27 Letter No. 39 [Robt. Conway, Alexandria to Gov Lee]

Sir Should you want a Commander for a vessel, thats proper for the times to trade to any part of Europe; or the westindes I am ready & willing to act in such a one as you think me deserving of; If such a person be wanting & you think me proper; the sooner you Inform me the better, because Immediately after the Ice brakes away I shall proceed Down the River, to Wiccomoco in Virginia

January 27 [W. Smith, Baltimore, to Gov. Lee "In Council"]

Sir I am directed to repeat my application, to your Excellency, for permission to load with flour &^ca^ the Brigantine Hawke, Captain Taylor, for the use of the fleet & army of his most christian majesty, in the West Indies. Should this requisition be granted your favouring me with a permit by return of the Saturdays post, another good opportunity, will save the expence of an express to Annapolis, for that purpose as I am directed to load this Brig to be ready to proceed to sea at the breaking up of the frost. I would Just leave to observe that I have some reason to believe, that my conduct respecting the French flour in my possession has been greatly misrepresented at your Board, by the Comm^rs^ for seizing flour &^ca^ in this town. I am told they have said, I spoke in very disrespectful terms, of your Excell^y^ & the Council and I would wish to have it in my power to remove any impressions to my prejudice from your Honble board, for whose character I have the greatest respect, therefore if not improper, I would be much obliged by a coppy of their letter so far as my character is concerned

January 28 [Rich'd Dallam, Harford County, to Gov. Lee]

Sir I am indebted to Mr Samuel Hughs for wheat purchased from his Overseer on Spesutia Island and as he informs me he wants the

money I am under the necessity to ask your Excellency to order payment to Mr Samuel Hughs or order for the sum of four thousand pounds Current money January 28

January 28 Brown Book No. 8 Letter No. 37 (See also letter No. 31 which is endorsed Received the 9th Febry.)

[Holker Philadelphia to Gov. Lee]

Sir I have been regularly informed by Mr Wm Smith of Baltimore of the proceedings of the legislature of your State relative to the Seizure of the provisions purchased by him, in consequence of my directions for the Supplies of his Majesty's fleets in the West Indies, I should be sorry that his representations to the commissioners of the State or his refusal of delivering the flour in his possession without my orders should have given any uneasiness: he could have no other intention than to prevent the seizure by mistake of provisions acquired at an amazing expense, for purposes avowed by congress, with the Knowledge & consent of his Excellency the late Governor and Council of Maryland who had fully approved of the choice made of him as agent for the purchases, which will appear by Governor Johnston's Letters to his Excellency Mr Gerard and myself of the 3d September, of which last I have the honour of inclosing a Coppy.

I was not a little Surprised on reading the two late acts of your legislature with respect to this business: by the first it seems the honourable the Assembly deemed that the Whole of the Wheat and flour purchased by my Agents over & above The Equivalent of twelve thousand barrels of flour, Should be seized & delivered up to the continental commissaries.

I should have thought this law useless, for the two following reasons: the First, because the late Governor & council were fully apprised by his Excellency Mr Gerard & myself that Mr Smith was positively directed by me, to conform minutely to all the instructions or Directions that might be transmitted him by them respecting His purchases so as to give general Satisfaction any application from the council to me or to Mr Smith, either for the returns of purchases made or delivery of the Same, wou'd therefore have been as effectual as any law, the second because it does not appear even at present, that Mr Smtih has been able to secure the above mentioned quantity of 12000 Barrels of flour of the last harvest.

The second act of the legislature seemed to me still more extraordinary; if by that act it was thought necessary to extend the seizure to be made by the commissioners to the aforesaid 12000 Barrels. it is not easy to imagine why this flour purchased by the authority & with the Sanction of congress & of the Government of Maryland should be seized for the purpose of delivering the same to the continental commissaries, who would themselves have received orders to deliver that very flour to Mr Wm Smith for the use of the royal

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navy, had they possessed the same in their Stores, but if it was intended in order to supply the immediate wants of the army, then I should beg leave to represent to your Excellency that it was not necessary to extend it so far, since the continental commissaries has Sufficient quantitys of flour on hand to answer the present emergence if they could have procured Wagons and teams to transport the same to head quarters. how much more extraordinary will not this second act appear when I can inform you that in the Run of last summer, it was proposed by Monsieur Gerard and myself, to redeliver to the continental commissaries 7000 Barrels of flour of the Harvest of 1778 purchased by them in the use of the Royal Marine, which was effected in order to multiply the resources of the Army & to second a plan of the commercial committee of Congress, that I have been since authorised to procure 24600 Barrels of flour of the last harvest in Pensilvania & Maryland, that I have actualy delivered up all the flour I could command in Pensilvania, in order to supply the army & on the first requisition, that 800 barrels of flour & as much Biscuit are now on board Ships bound in this river by the Ice & could have been employed for the use of the army if it had been necessary or if Congress had thought proper to have indemnified the owners of the Vessels chartered in order to export them, for the above reasons & taking into consideration that all the dependance of his Majestys navy for supplies from America lay totaly with Mr Smith will it not surprise every one, that it should have been thought necessary in order to supply the immediate wants of the Army, to decree the Seizure even of the Wheat purchased by my agents on the Eastern Shore of the Chesapeak bay where all mills have been long at rest by the late droughts & the present frost & where the same will not probably be ground up before the months of March & April next.

it is on account of these various considerations that it is incumbent on me, to request that your Excellency will condescend to inform me if Mr Wm Smith has realy exceeded the quantity he was authorised to purchase, & whether it was possible for him, not to give extensive orders so as to Secure the quantity of 12000 Barrels of flour

Your Excellency would also confer on me a particular obligation if you would please to inform me of the motives of the late Acts of your legislature & the grounds on which they have been formed so as I may take every Step in my power, in order to prevent a future misunderstanding, should any have been omitted & to establish the transactions entered upon on behalf of the Service of his most Christian Majesty, on a more respectable and Solid footing and to deserve your aprobation & confidence, as likewise of the hon^bl^ Board at which you preside

I shall conclude by observing that should your Excellency & Council think proper to retain the flour seized it will be proper that minute & Speedy returns be transmitted me of the exact quantitys, so as I may obtain from Congress the immediate reimbursement of all advances & expences made thereon, as also of all those Expenses which the Seizure & redelivery of the flour and wheat have occasioned if it should be returned by the State commissioners, to my agents in Maryland. Brown Book No. 8

[William Banks Baltimore to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esqr] January 29

May It Please Your Excellency Agreeable to the Desire of Capt. George Keeports I take the Liberty of Acquainting you he went Off for Camp Friday 28th Inst with 9 Waggons. That he had discharg'd 3 Soldiers from the Fort and retained 2 as they would be Sufficient. Time Will not Admit Sending Invoices of the Cloathing taken with him but shall have them ready for your Inspection as soon as possible

Should I be favour'd with Letters from Your Excellency Please to have them Directed to the Care of Mr Keeports where I shall be found.

[H. Hollingsworth, D. Q. M. Gl., Head of Elk, to Gov Lee in Council] January 31

Gentlemen In the Postscript of my last Informed your Excellency and Honours that I was in want of some Certificates for Money Receiv'd sometime since have this day had an Application for more would be glad therefore that few blank Certificates be sent me with those wrote for by Mr Elijah Cole, the bearer the money I have been obliged to lay out for Forage and Waggonage for the supplying the Army, if it must be paid into the Treasury it must be when I am better supply'd with Cash, as at present and for sometime past, have been much Distress'd the pressing demands of the Army, with the great Difficultys of procuring Forage at the same time an Absolute necessity for calling in more Teams, will, I flatter myself, account for the measure, and the early supply sent, attone for it. I have now One Hundred and twenty teams Employd at this post, the usual Number is from Seventy to Eighty your Knowledge of the wants of the Army, will suggest how long it will be necessary to Continue this Extra Expence. I have wrote to some of the Commissioners on the Eastern shore, who have applied to me for Teams to have their flour &c Halled down to Convenient Granaries for navigation, that when the Frost breaks it may be Transported by Water to this place, where I have Public Stores & Granaries Sufficient to hold large Quantities. Measurers measures Baggs &ca and one half the Teams will hall the Flour to Christeen, the Wheat to the Mills, and the Forage to where it is wanted. I am Inform'd that

January 31 by the late act, Each public Officer in the staff is obliged to take Certain Oaths, on or before the first of February, or be liable to a fine. I have this day applied to a Magistrate to see the Oath, who informs me, it is not come into the County, therefore cant be Comply'd with. I am very loth to Violate the law, when I know it, or Run the hazard of Paying Penaltys but at the same time cant think of letting the whole Business Stop, as in that Case the most fatal Consequences would, befal the Army, if any Advantage should be taken of my Acting, untill I have an Opportunity of Complying with the Law, I Flatter myself of your Indulgence.

P. S. inclosed is a bill of the money Rec^{d} on Loan for which Certifycates are wanting

January [C. Theo Wederstrand D. A. C. P., Church Hill, Queen Ann's County to Gov. Lee]

Sir Colonel Blaine by his letter of the 12th instant informes me Thomas Harwood Esquire has one hundred and fifty thousand Dollars to pay me on account of Public purchases; not knowing when I may have in my power to be in Annapolis and being in great want of money, I must desire your Excellency to send me an order on the Treasurer of the Eastern shore for that sum if practicable to be done, which I suppose may, by inclosing it in a letter forwarded by the post to Wilmington or Philadelphia from whence the Eastern post could bring it down to Queen's Town Inclosed in my letter of the 22^{d} Ult^{o} you have an account of Your Ten barrels of flour amounting to £1212..5..2 now laying in a Store at Emerson's landing on Wye river, which could not be ready to send by the Plater, but has been there since the 20th and the hard weather setting prevented it to be forwarded to Annapolis. The 2^{d} Instant I inclosed in an other letter to your Excellency an account of 5233$^{\#}$ of beef purchased for this State, sent to Annapolis by the Plater amounting to £2123..9..10½ and Informed that no more could be purchased at that rate John Beale Bordley Esquire having disposed of his Cattle. however I suppose you have not received either of those letters as I am informed the boat who was to take them over the bay is fast in the Ice.

February 1 Red Book No. 27 Letter No. 5 [P Adams, Philad, to Gov Lee]

Sir This day the arrangement made Out by the Baron De Kalb, and handed you, for the promotion of Officers in the Maryland Line, was delivered to me by the Board of War

I observe the Baron has comited making out an accurate return of such Officers as were intitled to promotion at that time, you'll find that the first and fifth Regiments were vacant, the first from the 1st Augt and the latter the 23rd Octr Col^{o} Woolford, and myself are to succeed to the com^{d} as being next in succession, should you think

proper to have those vacancies filled by us, you'll please Instruct the Board of War to Issue Commissions Accordingly, if not be pleased to signifie the same by the next post, Col° Pickering informed me he wrote you some time since and inclosed you a short list of Officers who were to succeed to the above vacancies but had not received any answer. Red Book No. 27

The delays that have happened in arranging the officers in our Line has subjected us to many inconveniences we always imagined that the Governor of our State had given general instructions to the Board War to fill all vacancies by Officers already in Commission. and next in succession to the one out of the service. I am persuaded you'll agree that all vacancies ought to be filled as soon as they happen, and that an Officer in the army views the immediate Succession as his Right of inheritance and every hour he is deprived of his rank does him a Manifest Injury, we certainly are intitled to all the honours that derive from the commission, we hold, or have a right to hold, however long we may be deprived, of the Enjoyment of them, that alone is the only compensation we at present are possessed of, and all the object we have in view and the smalest dimunition wounds us in the most tender part. You no doubt will acknowledge that your officers have suffered in their rank before the Settlement of the same last Spring, during two years service they were under the disagreeable necessity of being subjected to the command of Junior Officers in other lines who were fortunate enough to have their rank setled we flatered ourselves that Dificulty would be removed, and still trust that youll do us all the Justice the case requires as I can assure you this and other unavoidable causes render the Service Exceedingly irksome, and has been the cause of many valuable Officers leaving the service, who otherwise woud have been willing to have strugled under the numberless inconveniencies and disadvantages, that the times and their situation consequently involved them in

Your answer by the next post will much oblige Sir Your Mo. Ob. Ser^t

[Jno Weston, Kingsbury Furnace to His Excellency Thos Sim Lee, Esqr.] February 2

Sir About the first of Novem^r I ingaged Mr William Spear of Baltimore Town to Purchase a Quantity of Corn for the Kingsbury and Lancashire Works he had Procur'd about 800 Bushells of the Q^t agreed for which I hawld home all Except about 300 Bushells which the Commissioner has seized and detains tell I Can Get your Excellencys order to them to Release it as they are doubtful whether they Can Release it Consistant with the Commission they act under or not I beg leave to assure you the Corn was bo^t for the use of the works and that we are in Great Distress for want of it there is not

February 2 a Bbl. to be got in the Neighbourhood I therefore beg your Excellency will Give orders for the Restoration of the Corn

P. S. Inclosed is Mr Spear's Certificate Respecting the corn.

I do Certify whom it may Concern that I sent a Craft under the Command of Charles Allen Down the Bay to purchase Corn for Mr John Weston, he returned and said that he Lay in pocomoak River, and that the inhabitants of Virginia brought Corn which he Bot. and proceeded to Baltimore, where the Corn was Landed and partly Delivered to Mr Weston abt 300 Bushels still Remains in my warehouse which the Commissrs for procuring flour for the army says they have seized and forbids him to take it away.

febry 1st 1780. Wm Spear.

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Letter No. 23

[Abraham Faw, Frederick Town to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee]

Sir It has Been Reported that full Suits of Cloathing are to be sent up here, to be Issued to the Recruits, for which I am Frequently Call'd on by the Officers, they Alledge it would be an Inducement to many to Enlist seeing those well Clad who had Enter'd, if there is such an Order Please advise me of it. I Continue to Issue to them, Hatts, Shirts Stockings & Shoes, I have sent to Baltimore, all the Cloathing I have Purchased Except some Hatts and Stockings which are Engaged and not yet Delivered, the Price of Linen is so much Advanced that I think it too High to Buy any more it not being to be had under 26 or 28 Dollars ꝑ yard.

I am Sir Respectably Your Obdt Humble Servt

February 3

[Job Garrettson, Baltimore, to Gov. Lee]

[Wishes to be appointed Sheriff and is endorsed by Mark Alexander]

February 3

[Peregrine Tilghman, Talbot County to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esqr]

Sir An Oppertunity offering by Coll Lloyd clk I give you the Quantity of Wheat, Flour & Corn which 'tis probable will be furnished from this County in Consequence of the Act passed for the immediate supply of the army. Perhaps 'twill be expected & with Propriety too that a Regular Return before this should have been made, but the extreme severity of the Weather added to many difficulties attending the execution of the Law will in some Measure excuse us. A contract having been made (just before or about the time of the Passage of the Bill) for a considerable Part of the Wheat in this County at £20 ꝑ Bushell, Obliged us to call in Person to fix the Price of Wheat wherever we found Any, every One's expectations being raised at least to that Price. The Purchases by the Public & other buyers haveing been very generally made to give some certain

Price & the use of the Markett left most People enterested in the sale of the Wheat on hand, which laid us under such difficulties that a considerable time elapsed before we could find Persons within the description of the Law to make a Valuation. This at last has been done and the price fixed on here is £20 ꝑ Bushell for Wheat & £ 70 ꝑ C^{t} for Flour. Corn there will be very little and I dont know that as yet any has been Valued, but suppose the Price will fix at £10 ꝑ Bushell. I shall have in the District I have taken about 700 barrells of Flour 6 or 700 Bushell Indian Corn & between 1500 & 2000 Bushell of Wheat, the other Gent^{l} told me a few days ago they expected to get not more than from 4 to 5000 bushell of Wheat between them & little or no corn or Rye. I have appointed next Tuesday to meet the other Com^{rs} and hope then to be able to make a proper return. I wrote the 16th last Month to Col^{l} Francis Wade D. Q. M. at Wilmington informing Him that I then had 200 barrells Flour, requesting that Waggons if to be had might be sent after it, His answer was that they had Flour & Forrage enough in that part of the Country to give full employment to all their Teams & He expected that during the Frost the Magazines would be furnished enough to answer every purpose without extending their Views for supplies thus far. So that the Flour &c in this Place must lay till the Navigation opens. We are directed by the Law to what Landings to send the Supplies, but to whose care we know not, therefore must request Your direction. Red Book No. 32

[Ignat's Taylor to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esqr and the Honble the Council] February 4

Gentlemen As a Commissioner in St. Mary's County under the Act of the General Assembly entituled an Act for the immediate supply of flour and other Provisions for the Army, have taken into my possession eleven barrells of flour and seven hundred and fifteen bushells of Indian Corn, Six hundred bushells of which was engrossed & taken on board a Vessell. If Your Excellency & the Honble the Council think it most advisable that the Vessell be retained until the frost is fully broke to Carry the Provision up the Bay, or that it be Stored, if the latter I conceive it will be most expensive from the inconvenience attending the landing and getting a Store house Proper for the keeping it. Hope to receive your instructions on this business Shortly.

[Sam'l & Robt. Purviance, Baltimore, to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esqr] February 4

Sir The unfortunate detention of The Ship Buckskin & Four other large Vessels in which we are interested, have subjected us to the great Expence of Revictualing them before they can leave Patuxent.

Red Book No. 32 To lessen the great Expence of sending the Provisions the whole way by Waggons, we have determined to send them by Land to Annapolis to be lodged there untill the breaking up of the Ice, which will enable us to forward them from thence by water much earlier than we can expect to do from hence. Apprehending we should run a considerable Risque of having such Provisions seized by the Commissioners appointed by the late Law, We request Your Excellency will be so obliging as to grant us a Permission for sending said Provisions to Annapolis & from thence by Water to Patuxent agreeable to the List hereunto annexed. If there is a necessity for making oath of the uses for which they are intended, we shall do so before a Magistrate or the Naval Officer as you please to direct.

If you can conveniently oblige us with the Quantity of Salt Provisions, Viz. 25 Barrels of Beef & 25 Barrels Pork untill our River is open, that we cou'd send down by Craft, it will save us the heavey Expence of Waggoning to Annapolis, And you may rely on our replacing them as soon as the Navigation will permit, with those of the best Quality, which we have cured for our own Vessels.

List of Provisions intended to be sent to Patuxent For the Use of The Ship Buckskin, Ship Fanny Brigg Revenge, Brigg Hercules & Brigg King Tammany Viz

10000^{lb} of Ship Bread 10 Barrels Flour 50 Barrels Beef & Pork 5 Casks of Butter 7 Boxes of Candles

February 4 [Sam Smith Balt Town to His Excell'y Thomas Sim Lee]

Sir I am inform'd that a Suit is order'd against Mr Allen Thomas or Thomas & Craycroft for purchasing Wheat, Your Excell^{y} will remember that I had the Permission of Gov. Johnson & the Council to purchase Two thousand Bb^{ls} in Consequence of which permit I order'd Messrs Thomas & Craycroft to purchase Wheat for accot of the Board of War Virginia, & under this order they have purchas'd 650 Bushells. I flatter myself your Excell^{y} will do me the favor to stop the suit.

February 5 [Solomon Stympson Mountgomery County to Gov Lee]

May it [please] your Excellency Sir On the 22^{d} day of Last month I wrote you Fully concerning what progress I had made in purchasing Grain which I delivered to the Sherif on the 23^{d} Imagioning that by the Law he was Obliged to forward as it was a matter concerned the publick. if I was mistaken I am Sorry for it I then particularly wrote the circumstance of the People and all the Dificultys attending the matter I Expected your further Instructions before now to which Letter I Referr your Excellency.

I have still Continued purchasing tho' I am doubtfull of the Delivery of some Little part of what I have purchased, since my

Last I have Agreed for Nine Hundred & Two Bushells Corn Two Hundred and three Bushells Rye forty five Bushell Wheat and three Barrells flour (the flour 66 at £50 ꝑ C^t^ the Cash given in) I think there is but very Little if any more to be got in my Neighbourhood Red Book No. 32

[Luther Martin Baltimore Town to His Excellency The Governor] February 5 Red Book No. 29 Letter No. 2

Sir I have before me your Excellencys Letter of the third Instant delivered to me by Mr Enloes, and as I cannot concur altogether in the State already presented, must beg leave to trouble your Excellency with the following Narrative of facts as they appeared from the Evidence at the Trial

A certain Stephen Joyce, with others was in the House of Mr Beachum at Fells point where he behaved, without any provocation, in a very disorderly and abusive manner, particularly towards George Blackstone, until Blackstone irritated by his Abuse and being challenged by him to fight went out of Doors with Joyce for that Purpose, but upon Mr Beachums remonstrating to Blackstone the Impropriety of his exposing himself in that manner Blackstone returned quietly into the house into which Joyce followed him continuing his Abuse until Mr Beachum pushed him out and fastened the Door. Joyce being much under the Influence of Intoxication & Passion conducted himself like a Madman tearing his Hair and beating his fists ag^t^ the walls of the House and the Pales of the Garden and having by so doing Skinned his knuckles, his hands and face were bloody. At this time no Violence had been offered to him or Injury done him, save the putting him out of the house in consequence of his abusive conduct there. In that Situation Joyce ran a small distance to the House where Joel Higginbottom (who had been his fellow-Prentice) lived, and finding him at the Door catched him under the Arm and telling him he had been extremely illused requested him to go with him and instantly hurried him away. They went together to Beachums, and having opened the Door Joyce as before began to abuse Blackstone challenging him to come out & fight him, which Blackstone refused telling him at the same time if he struck him he would apply to the Laws for redress. Joel Higginbottom also stripped and told the Company if there were any there that had anything to say to Joyce he was ready to answer him or to that purpose. And also called upon Blackstone to come out & fight Joyce, telling him he should have faire play. during these Transactions one Samuel Dunn who was with the company in the house, who has the character of having been a very quiet inoffensive young Man, and who appears not to have interfered in any measure in the Quarrel before that time, went out of the House and was standing in the Yard or Garden, I do not recollect which, where were Joyce and Higgenbottom. The Witnesses agree that he ap-

Red Book No. 29 peared to them pretty much intoxicated he walked up to Joel Higgenbottom and spoke to him, but the Witnesses did not hear what he said. One of the witnesses swore Joel Higginbottom pushed him from him and told him to go about his Business, he had nothing to say to him. Another Witness also mentioned that Higginbottom stepped a little back from him. presently after Dunn walked up to Higginbottom Again. And Higginbottom instantly struck him with his fist upon the head by which Blow Dunn fell backward on the ground, and was carried into the House by his friends where he complained of his head and appeared much disordered in his senses. Dun received the blow on the Monday if I recollect right and lanquished till the Sunday following when he died. The Doctor examined the Head at the Inquisition, he found the Scull fractured in the back part of the head which fracture penetrated to the Brain. he trepanned the Skull and found a considerable Quantity of clotted blood between the Bone and the Brains and opening the Membrane enclosing the Brains found a Quantity of Pus . . .

There was no Testimony that Dunn . . . towards the Prisoner with " extended Arms . . . The Prisoner struck the Blow in " defense . . . of himself " I should in that Case instructed the Jury that he was entitled to their Verdict. On the contrary I particularly examined the Witness as to that point. They did not hear the Expressions he uttered to the Prisoner but they declared there was nothing in his Gestures appearance or manner which induced them to believe he had the least Intent to assault or injure the Prisoner And I must here mention a Circumstance which weighed with myself and I believe with the Jury to satisfy us that the Prisoner himself did not consider the blow that he struck to have been justifiable or done in his own defence. For after the fray was over at Home when the Death of Dunn was not apprehended the prisoner was uneasy for what he had done telling Joyce that he had brought him into a scrape, for he had been the means of bringing him there where he had struck Dunn, who he expected would bring an action ag^{t} him to recover Damages, and desired Joyce to go to Dunn and endeavour to make up the matter for him. Joyce promised him he would pay him any Damages or Expence he might be put to, as he had been the occasion of it.

There was not a Circumstance to induce a belief of any ill will subsisting between the Prisoner & deceased, on the contrary they appeared to have but very little if any Acquaintance with each other. The Prisoner appears to have had no Quarrel with any person but on Joyce's account, and Blackstone not Dunn was the Object of his Resentment. As the fracture was in the Back part of head, it reduces it to nearly a certainty that it must have been occasioned by his falling backwards with his head against the frozen Earth or something else which might be placed there and not immediately from the Blow Struck

The Representation as to the Prisoner's general Character and Demeanour I have no reason to doubt The Prisoner shewed no Desire of escaping either immediately after the Injury or after the Death of Dunn but was present at the Inquest. I have now complied with your Excellency's request and have endeavoured to detail . . . and circumstantially as possible . . . Excellency will perceive that in some . . . have been obliged to differ from the State transmitted to your Excellency, but whether the Variance is so great or material as to be sufficient to deprive the Prisoner of that Clemency your Excellency is disposed to shew him I shall submit to your Excellency. The Court will not proceed to inflict any Punishment 'till they know your Excellencys Determination. Red Book No. 29

I have the Honour to be with the greatest personal regard and Esteem Your Excellencys Determination.

I have the Honour to be with the greatest regard and Esteem Your Excellencys most obedient hum^ble^ Servt

[C. T. Wederstrandt, A. C. P., Wye Queens Ann's County to Gov. Lee] February 5

Sir The Zele with which the Commissioners executed the trust reposed in them by the late Law has occasioned the Ten barrels of flour I bought of Mr Hemsley for your Excellency, two bar^ls^ for Mr Thomas Johnson Junr four barrels for Mr John Davidson, two Barrels for Mr John Bullen, Two barrels for Philip Key Esqr & Eight barrels for Mr George Mann, in all twenty Eight barrels to be Seized, and I am informed, I am to be called to an Account for a breach of my Commission as assistant Commissary of purchases for so doing; I do not conceive I am guilty of the charge, as I did no other than procure it for the use of Gentlemen's families who I presumed were to have bread as well as their neighbours, that I purchased at no higher rate than Mr Hemsly sold to the late Governor & Council four months ago, and at the price he then asked me for the Public Service which being higher than I was limited to By Col. Blaine I could not give. however now [it] is Seized and 33 & $\frac{1}{3}$ ꝑ C^t^ allowed in Certificate above the price that Gentleman would have sold to me at. I received yesterday an order on the Eastern Shore Treasurer for five hundred thousand Dollars with which I'll endeavour to retrive my Character as a Public purchaser, which has suffered much for the want of timely Supplies in Cash, yet will fall short as the Persons I bought of and am indebted to, expect to receive the same prices as allowed by the Commissioners which are now extended to £20 ꝑ bush^l^ for wheat £70..— ꝑ C^t^ for common flour and £12..—..— ꝑ bush^l^ for Indian Corn. Being informed the Legislature had preserved to the People the right of the alternative to sell to Commissaries or have their wheat &^ca^ Seized by Commissioners, I have at-

February 7 tempted to purchase, but my utmost endeavours have been defeated by the Commissioners who have thought their duty obliged them to Seize without consideration.

P. S. I'll endeavour to have the flour herein mentioned released, if I succeed shall send it to Annapolis ꝑ first opportunity

February 7 [J. Bolton, Chestertown to His Excellency Thos Sim Lee]

Sir I wrote you some time ago advising that at the request of Thomas Johnson Esqr our late Governour I had furnish'd the several recruiting Parties & Soldiers on furlow with Rations under great disadvantage to myself, as I had to lay out my own money to purchase the Provisions, & by the time the money has been paid to me the depritiation has sunk the greatest part of the sum advanced; since I wrote you, I have had daily Soldiers calling on me for Provisions, which are (meat especially) scarce to be had. If therefore you choose I should continue to supply them, please desire one of the State Purchasers or the Comissary to supply me with Beef or Pork or both for that purpose for it is now too late to purchase any as for Bread or Flower, I can procure that, provided I can be furnish'd with Cash to purchase it, but I really cannot afford to lay out any longer my owne money as I have hitherto done, to the great determent of my Business as a Retailer, being for a long time kept by that means so bare of Money that I had not wherewith to lay in a Stock of Goods particularly in the year 1777 & beginning of 1778 at which time I was above two thousand pounds in advance to the States & tho I lost considerably by laying out of my money & by the depritiation at that time yet I have lost much more by the depritiation since in proportion to the sum advanced. Hope therefore if you should order me to supply the Recruiting parties as I have hitherto done, you will also order me, what is necessary for that purpose. about four bb^{s} Pork & 4 bb^{s} Beef & as much Cash as will buy the same quantity of Fresh meat, & Flower or Bread in Proportion I recon will be sufficient for the year. My Pay is so triffling that should you think fit to continue me in the Station hope you will consider that, as one months pay at present will scarcely hire a Labourer for two days, as the Auditor tells me I am intitled to but 40 dollars p^{r} month. My Acco^{t} from 1st Sept. to 1st Decr I sent to Rock Hall just before the Frost set in, so recon it is still lying there, it has already sunk above half the Value by the depritiation, & may probably sink more before it reaches you, however shall continue to supply any soldiers on furlow, going to, or returning from Camp, out of the Provisions laid in for my Family (if I can't get to buy) rather than that they should suffer, but should a Recruiting party come here before I get supplied with Provisions the Service will certainly suffer, as I really have not a sufficient quantity of Salt provision laid in for my Family & there is at present no fresh

to be had. Hope therefore you will send us speedy orders as possible to have me supplied with your provision for them, or let me know by Post, Via Wilmington what I am to do. February 7

[Luzerne Philadelphia to M. " Chese " Presidt du Conseil]

Brown Book No. 7 Letter No. 34 February 7

Monsieur J'ai reçu la lettre que vous m'avez fait l'honneur de m'écrire le 24 xbre dernier. J'y ai vu avec beaucoup de plaisir les assurances des dispositions de l'Etat de Maryland touchant l'observation des Engagemens pris de la maniere la plus inviolable, pour assurer les approvisionnemens des Escadres du S. M. Je suis également pursuadé que vous avez compris tous les inconveniens qui pourroient resulter des mesures prises au sujet des Farines rassemblies par l'agent de la Marine du Roi, et que la suite infaillible des Saisiers qui ont été projettier seroit, Si elles etoient mises à Execution d'eloigner desormais de ce Continent les forces navales du Roi, puisque elles ne pourroient se flatter d'y trouver les resources qui leur auroient été solennellemens promises. J'ai reçu à cet regard les assurances les plus satisfaisantes du Congres et je ne doute pas que Lorsque vous aurez été informé des résolutions que cette assembleé a prises, vous n'ayez Concouru vous même avec Empressement à leur exécution.

Quant aux abus qui pourroient étre Commis, le Conseil du Maryland a du voir que j'étois le premier a désirer que l'on prit les mesures les plus efficaces pour Les reprimer. Je le demande encore de la maniere la plus instante, et je vous prie d'assurer les membres de ce Conseil que je suis prit à adopter toutes les farines qui seront jugées Convenable pour prévenir toutes especes d'irrégularites il parvit d'ápres votre lettre, qu'il en a été commis precedement. Si vous pouvez en administrer la preuve Je vous prie de vouloir bien me la transmettre et me faire part du desir du Conseil à cet régard Mais en meme tems, Monsieur, Je demande que dans aucun cas et sous aucun pretexte les quantités dont on aura determiné de permettre L'achat à l'argent de la Marine francoise ne puissent étre diminuées ni détournées de leur Veritable Destination. Je respecte le Zele patriotique avez lequel les états unis et le Maryland en particulier se sont impressés à subvenir aux besoins de l'armée, je conviens qu'on ne sauroit prendre dans cette circonstance des mesures trop promptes et trop vigoureuses pour lui procurer des subsistance mais je regarde, Monsieur, la conservation des armées américains et celle de nos Flottes Comme egalement sacrée et précieuse Vous savez cependant comme moi et l'événement actuel le prouve qu'une armée de terre a plus de ressources même Contre la **ette qu'une Flotte ne peut en avoir la justice et la saine politique exigent qu elles soient traitees avec une égalité parfaite et qu'on prenne des arrangemens egalement efficaces pour les faire subsister. Je demande donc

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que si jamais on étoit dans le Cas de faire des recherches au Sujet des approvisionnement de nos flottes, on Commence par laisser à part ce qui aura été acheté pour le Compte du Roi jusqu'à la Concurrence des quantités permises; que cette portion reste libre et que sous aucun pretexte elle ne puisse étre entamée, ni arretée, ni detournée, quant au surplus, s'il s'en trouvoit, l'autorité publique pourroit servir et je serois le premier à lui en fournier les moyens. Nous avons en trop de preuves des dispositions patriotiques du Maryland et de son attachement à l'alliance pour que je craigne qu'il se refuse à une demande si bien fondée, et d'on peut dependre le succes des operations Generales.

It est vraisenblable que la navigation de la Baye est actuellement ouverte ou le sera incessament. Je ne puis me persuade qu'alors il y ait aucun obstacle à l'expedition des Farines qui apportiennent Legitimement au Roi et sur les quelles j'ai annoncé aux gouvernents et chefs d'Escadre qu'ils pouvrient Compter. Je suis avec Consideration distinguée, Monsieur, Votre tres humble et tres obeissant serviteur.

Red Book No. 5 February 7 Letter No. 66

[Geo Plater, Philadelphia, to Gov. Lee]

Sir At Mr Holker's Request who waited on me this Morning, I have the Honour to forward to your Excellency the inclosed.

The Enemy on Staten Island have returned Lord Stirling's Visit, burned some Houses near Elizabeth Town, & taken three or four Officers & about sixty privates Prisoners, having surprized the advanced Posts.

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[George Lindenberger to Council]

[He has administered oath of office to David Poe.]

February 9 Brown Book No. 8 Letter No. 41

[Holker, Philadelphia, to His Excellency Gov. Lee]

Sir I had the honor of writing to you on the 28th January last relative to the seizure of the flour purchased by William Smith Esqre of Baltimore to which I beg leave to refer you

I have been since informed that application has been made to your Excellency by the above Gentleman in consequence of my directions, for a permit to load with provisions the Brigantine Hawke now in the part of Baltimore chartered for Hispaniola & that no answer has been yet returned. Mr Smith has also been called upon for provisions for the use of his Majesty's Ship the Fendant commanded by the Marquis of Vaudreuil now in Chesapeak but it appears to be out of his power to furnish or to prepare any supplies, on account of the seizure which it has been thought proper to decree & to carry in execution. I am fully persuaded that the legislature could have no intention of interrupting his Majesty's

Service, by their late acts, that your Excellency and the council have no other View than to exert yourselves in favour of the American Army, and to present the evil consequences of monopolizing and forestalling: but as it is my duty to promote the King's service I am under the necessity of applying for a peremptory answer, & to request you'll inform me whether the Effect of the measures lately adopted will be any ways Suspended and whether you have discovered any solid and well founded reason 1th for not granting the above permit, when applied to by Mr Wm Smith & 2dly for ordering the whole of the provisions to be wrested from him, & the disposal of any part thereof to be refused; I could have wish'd that at least after the seizure made by the commissioners, two thousand barrels of flour and one thousand barrels of the Biscuit had been forthwith redelivered to Mr Smith, on his giving a receipt thereof; this would not have been derogatory in my humble opinion to the spirit of the law, it would not have hindered you from supplying the immediate wants of the army, nor from discovering the full quantity of wheat and flour purchased by Mr Smith and would have avoided you the trouble & importunity of this my earnest address. Brown Book No. 8

His Majesty's Ship the Fendant cannot be retarded on account of the provisions, and must be relieved with all possible speed. three Vessels chartered by me & Mr Wm Smith for St Domingo are to leave the shores of America, under her convoy, if no obstacle be put to their departure, in order to obtain protection against the enemys cruizers: these reasons I hope will Justify my application & the necessity of your Excellency's interposition, so as no further interruption be given to my measures without it should be proved to be absolutely necessary.

If any Grounded complaint can be made of Mr Smith's transactions in behalf of the royal marine, I humbly request you'll please to give me notice thereof, so as I may direct my conduct in consequence for the greater dignity and interest of the Service of the Royal marine

[Luzerne Philadelphia to Gov "Simon" Lee]

Brown Book No. 7 Letter No. 3 February 10

Monsieur, J'ai l'honneur d'addresser à votre Excellence une lettre que j'ecris à M. Cheese et dont je la prie de vouloir bien prendre Communication avant de la leur faire parvenu. Les inconstances presentes exigent plus d'union et D'accord que jamais entre les allies. Cést surtout en vous que j'ai eu Confiance pour le concours du Maryland. on ne peut recevoir des assurances plus satisfaisantes que celles qui m'ont été transmises par M. Plater et M. Forbes. J'en ignore point qu'ils ne fond que remplir les ordres de leurs Constituans et qu' aucum Etat n'est plus attaché a' l'alliance que celui qu'ils representent. J'avoue Cependant qu'il m'est desormais im-

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possible de proceder avec surete dans les operations qui peuvent être relatives aux subsistances de nos flottes, et je vous Confie que malgré le Zele Ardent qui m'attache, à la cause de L'Amerique, je ne prendrai plus sur moi d'anoncer aux Commandans de nos Escadres quils peuvent Compter trouver sur vos Cotes une Certaine quantite de provisions, à moins que je n'aye les assurances les plus fortes que l'incident qui vient d'arriver ne se renouvellera plus. Je n'ai pas besoin, Monsieur, de vous detailler les inconveniens des mesures qui ont été prises à l'égard des Farines apartenant au Roi dont M. Smith etoit depositaire; vous les aurez senti d'avance, et je ne doute pas que vous ne fassiez vos efforts pour prévenir des suites plus facheuses, et dont j'ai fait part a M. Plater.

Au sur plus, Monsieur, je ne connois point M. Smith et quoique j'en aye entendu parler d'une maniere favorable je ne le suporte nullement et s'il etoit à juste titre suspect au Gouvernement, et que les personnes qui doivent naturellement être juges dans la Contentation actuelle voulus sent diriger le choix de l'agent de la Marine du Roi sur un homme egalement solvable, sur et actif, je servis le premier à inviter M. Holker à changer son correspondant.

Je suis avec la Consideration la plus distinguee De Votre Excellence Le tres humble et tres obeissant serviteur.

February 10

[Thos Beall, Capt. Comdt. to Council]

I hereby certify that there are at present under my command at Pittsburgh four Sergeants and fifty privates of the Maryland Part of the Regiment lately commanded by Col° Moses Rawlings and who were in the Service of the United States before May in the Year 1779

This is to Certifie that Nathaniel Beall Magruder was a vollentear in Col. Rawlings Ridgment in November Seventy six and was taking Prisoner at Fort Washington and seventy eight join'd said Ridgment at Fort Frederick Co^{l} Rawlings then Furnished Mr Magruder with Cash and Promised him if he^{d} Inlist Twenty Men he wood Indiver to Git him a Commistion Mr Magruder Inlisted Twenty Five men in November Seventy Eight I was sent to Philadelphia for Clothing Co^{l} Rawlings Requested I wood Mention it to the Board of War sertified as above the Bord then Requested me to let Co^{l} Rawlings Know Mr Magruder shood have A insigns Commition in said Ridgment and not to make any more Promises Co^{l} Rawlings then Appointed Mr Magruder as Insign in said Ridgment and has Been Mustered and Received Pay as such ever since

February 12

[John Carlile, Capt, Michael Gilbert, Captn, John Hughes, Capt. Camp near Morris-Town to his Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esqr]

Sir, The officers from the State of Maryland in Col. Hazen's Regiment beg leave to call your Excellency's attention to our particular situation. We entered the service of our Country at an early

period: We have not hesitated to share every danger and difficulty in common with our brother officers and have also been fortunate enough to be of the Number of those who had the thanks of the Commander in-chief for our conduct in a General Battle. We have often been detached a great distance from the Grand Army upon hard and disagreeable Service; And necessarily on our marches incured greater expences. When we took commissions in the present Regiment engaged in the common cause we were taught to believe that we could render as much service there as in any other Corps and by no means expected to be considered as aliens or excluded any benefit common to officers of the same State. We have seen a Resolution of Congress last spring calling for Returns from the additional Regiments that the States severally might have Credit for so many officers and soldiers and be accounted as part of their Quota, in consequence of which the States of Massachusetts Bay, Rhode Island & Connecticut with Pennsylvania have considered the officers & Soldiers from their States (in the same Regiment with ourselves) as part of their quota and given them all the benefits & privileges of the States Troops, from whence we were induced to believe that the State of Maryland not less generous than her sister states had made a similar Provision for us untill undeceived by the officers of that Line on our arival at this Place. When the claims of our Country called us into the Field we chearfully left the Pleasures and indulgences of retirement to encounter the hardships & toils of war, not only to Protect the rights of mankind but our own individual Liberty, and now when the war is apparently drawing to a conclusion we shall reluctantly leave the work unfinished for which we have made so many sacrifices; but the advanced price of every necessary will not leave it in our Power to continue in a Service in which we are so much interested unless some Provision shall shortly be made for us. Relying on your Excellencys justice and liberality of sentiment We are Your Excellency's Most Obed^{t} H^{l} Serv^{ts} February 12

[Charless Hogg to Council] February 12

[Asks discharge from army on account of "distressed condition" of his "wife, pretty far advanced in her pregnancy," with her fifth child.]

[Ben Ford, Lt. Col. to the Honble Genl Gist] February 12

Brown Book No. 3 Letter No. 34

Sir We have not any Serjeants in the Sixth Regiment we Can recommend as Qualified for appointments of Officers. We have a Sufficient Number of Officers for the number of men now in the Regiment. by the Time the Regiment is recruited there is every reason to believe Young Gentlemen may be had that will do honor to the Appointment The Officers in the sixth Regiment beg that none of the serjeants from the line may be introduced into that Regiment as Officers

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Brown
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Letter
No. 11

[Mordecai Gist Camp Morris Town to the Honble J. T. Chase, Esqr.]

Dear Sir Col° Woolford informs me that he some time since recommended four of his Serjeants whose termes are now expired to be commissioned in the line (vizt) Jacob Crawford, John Law, Caleb Mason & John Sears.

I wou'd wish these to be appt^d to his Regiment as also Jacob Rittenhouse Shoemaker to the 4th These Officers request you may not app^t any of the Serjeants recommended from the first Brigade to serve in the second

February 12
Red Book
No. 29
Letter
No. 14

[J. Gunby Camp near Morristown to His Excell'y Tho's S. Lee Esqr.]

Dear Sir I received yours of the 26th Jany by Mr Keeport the £10,000 you mention for reEnlisting the men of the first Brigade was left by Mr Keeport in Phil^a I expect to receive it by Mr John Randall in a few days, if I could be empowered to reEnlist men that have from four to eight or ten months to Serve I believe the greatest part we have that is not for the war might be taken but those whose time will shortly expire will not be detained, for the bounty you Offer them, I shall use my utmost endeavour as soon as I receive the money to re-Enlist the men agreable to your Instructions, & if the sum you have sent be not sufficient I will give you the earliest notice what I think will; I am highly honoured by the Promotion of my Serj^ts Recommended to Col° Forrest

February 13
Brown
Book No. 7
Letter
No. 63

[DeKalb, Camp near Morristown to His Excellency The Governor & the honorable the Members of the Council of Maryland]

Honourable Gentlemen I take the Liberty to address you in behalf of two field officers of your State whose Service and present circumstances intitle them to your particular notice, the one is Colonel Price: That officer, during one year, laid under the weight of imputations as mortifying as they proved groundless, after a trial long wished for, he was acquited of every charge. No sooner had he got over this misfortune, than he found himself Superseded in his rank by the appointment of a Iunior officer to that of Brigadier. under those circumstances he could not consistent with that pride, so necessary to keep up a true military Spirit, act in his military Capacity, and as those reasons which preclude his reassuming his functions, can no more be removed, the good of the service dictates that such a provision may be made for him, as will induce him to resign a commission which he can not hold with honour to himself or advantage to the State. his early and Zealous Sacrifices, the State of his private fortune, greatly impaired by them, apply to your generosity for such a provision, and I beg leave to recommend that

the State of Maryland, either by themselves or by their intercession with the Congress will be pleased to effect it. Brown Book No. 7

The other officer for whom I am to intreat your favours is Lieutenant Colonel Forrest: This Gentleman is no more able to continue his Services in his regiment, and his holding a Commission in it precludes the appointment of another field officer, and throws all the hardships of the duty upon the Major. I need not urge, Gentlemen, how far the holding of Commissions by persons unable to discharge the functions annexed to them, is prejudicial to the service; that consideration, alone would be a sufficient inducement to any measures tending to remove such an inconvenience, were not the circumstances of those officers such as Strongly claim for the provisions which I make bold to request to be made for them.

With the highest respect I am Honourable Gentlemen Your most obedient and most humble Servant The Baron de Kalb, M. G: Command^g Maryland Division.

[Jonas Hudson, Balto to Gov. Lee] February 14

Dear Sir I have Rec^d your favour of the 12th & duly Note its Contents, Inclosed you have acc^t of three Hundred pieces Brittainas am^tg to £30165 Curr^y wch are all ready for your Orders. a Capt. Beall call'd on me for Two pieces wch he said you ordered him to get & hope will prove right. Inclosed you have his Rec^t I shall give Mr Frank Luke an order on you for the am^t of this Acc^t wch you will please honour & Supply him with Money as he may want it, being what Occurs.

[John Strawbridge Collector of the Tax in Cecil County to Gov. Lee] February 14

May it please your Excellency Sir early in December I furnished Mr Patrick Ewing purchasing Commissary in this County with 50,000 Dollars for which he has lately produced your Order. I have likewise paid part of your order in fav^r of Col^o Henry Hollingsworth the reason why I have not paid the exact Balance due from this County arises altogether from the Commissioners being backward in Settlement of the Publick Accounts. I have paid Col^o Hollingsworth Eighty four Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds which is as near the Amount as I would chuse to goe untill my accounts are Settled by the Commissioners which I expect will be in the Ensuing week, the Balance remains in my hands shall be immediately Paid to the Treasurer for the Eastern Shore, wou'd intreat your Excellency to Transmit to the Treasurer of the Eastern shore and account how the publick Money has been disposed of in this County that my settlement with him may not be delay'd which will conclude me Your Excellencys Obedient Humble Servt

February 15 [Jo. Baxter, Balt. to Gov. Lee]

Sir Previous to my receiving Charge of the Goal, Joel Higgenbottom made his Escape and has not since been apprehended, therefore suppose it unnecessary to transmit the papers to your Excellency

February 18
Red Book No. 29
Letter No. 18

[Th Johnson, Fred Town to Gov. Lee]

Sir presuming the Govr and Council has the Power of imprisoning a dangerous Person I inclosed you a Copy of a Commitm^{t} of one Wall as such by Doct^{r} Thomas who I think was not bailable though Mr Young and Mr Scott thought otherwise. this Wall is thought by Dr Thomas to be very much devoted to the British Officers and from what has past no Body can doubt his best Services in bringing or carrying Intelligence. the Letters were brought in a tin Case a circumstance left out of the comm^{t} and probably would not have been heard of but for one of our people being mixed in a Crowd of the British who got about Wall on his Return from Virg^{a}. If you and the Council should think proper to commit Wall I think it ought to be to some other prison than this and as it appears to me it will be a very ill consequence and Example that this man should be suffered to go at large in our State

February 18 [John Randall, Philadelphia to Gov. Lee]

Sir I was just Setting out for this place when Cap^{n} Keeports arriv'd at Camp with the Officers & Soldiers Cloathing, I had before his Arrival made the inclosed purchase at Morris Town I wish I had extended it to the Article of Rum. I find it higher than I conceiv'd it possible, from ninety to a hundred Dollars p^{r} Gallon. I shall purchase Tobacco and Soap for a two Months Supply for the Officers and Soldiers. The Ballance of the Money sent I shall lay out in Rum with half of what was sent for the Recruiting Service, General Gist thinks it may be replac'd from the State before it will be wanted this will go but little way in supplying that extravagant article.

The General has inclos'd a list of Articles, the Officers propose taking in lieu of the Stated Allowance this will save so considerable a Sum, Monthly, that it induced me to issue accordingly if this should not be approvd of, the extra Articles they now Receive I can deduct hereafter. As the Act of Assembly has not provided for, nor precluded the Brigade Staff Officers acting in the Maryland Brigades. Chaplains, Commissaries, Forrage and Waggon Masters I wish to be instructed, fully with respect to them, also the Baron De Calb and his Aids, who are not of the Maryland line, I beg likewise to know if supplies are to be issued for January past and whether the Officers on furlough are to receive the back supplies on their return to Camp. Some of them wish to have money paid them in lieu thereof, others give their mess mates orders to receive for

them in their Absence I have employd a Mr Daniel Delozier as an Assistant, he is a young man of good Character and approved of by General Gist. As I cannot do the whole business myself, I hope you will appoint him and determine the pay he is to receive. I will inform your Excel^cy by post of the purchases I make here from them and those now sent and the estimate sent by General Gist you will be able to Judge what money will be wanted for the Monthly Supplies and repay what I have now borrowed out of the Recruiting money

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Since writing the above I have purchas'd four Hh^ds Rum two at £35 and two at £32. The Sugar Coffee Chocolate and Tea will serve three Months. The Officers Cloth is not to be Opened till General Gist gets an Answer to his letter respecting trimings & facings. I have no Invoice of the blue for coats, but by Capt Keeports account, it will not exceed ninety, these will be far Short of the number wanted. If the Officers are allow'd Hatts they may be had here (at present, for four hundred dollars of best Beaver)

Allow'd each Officer ꝑ Month		
3¾ Gallons Rum @	5/	0..18..9
5^lls Sugar	1/	0.. 5..8
¼^lb Tea	10/	0..2..6
1½^lb Coffee	1/6	0..2..3
½^l Chocolate	2/6	0..1..3
1^lb Soap	1/3	0..1..3
1^lb Tobacco	/9	0..0..9
		£1..11..9

Allowance Propos'd ꝑ Month		
2 Gallons Rum @	5/	0..10..0
8^lb Sugar	1/	0..8..0
½^lb Tea	10/	0..5..0
4½^lb Coffee	1/6	0..6..9
1^lb Soap	1/3	0..1..3
1^lb Tobacco	/9	0..0..9
		£1..11..9

State Maryland D^r

To 1¾ Gallons Rum @	
£30..0..	£52..10..0
5..5..0	2..12..6
	£55.. 2..6

ꝑ Contra C^r

By extra Sugar 3^H @ 40/	£6.. 0..0
ditto Tea ¼^lb £20..15	5.. 5..0
ditto Coffee 3^lb £4..10,	13..10..0
	24..15..0
By Balance	30.. 7..6
	£55..2..6

Allowing Officers to compleat 8 Reg^ts is	192	
Savd ꝑ Month in each Officers Allowance	£30	
	5,760	p^r month
	12	
	£69.120	ꝑ ann^n

February 19 [Thos. White Kent County Delaware State Deposition]

I hereby Certify to whom it may Concern that I am well acquainted with Mr Freeborn Garretson and that he has been an Inhabitant of this State for near Eighteen month Last past dureing which time he has supported an unblemished Character and Generally supposed to be a man of Great Piety, and I believe has Comply^d with the Laws of the State in Every Instance so far as Related to a Preacher of the Gospel.

Brown Book No. 1 Letter No. 28 February 20 [George Washington, Head Qrs. Morristown, to Gov. Lee]

Sir Your Excellency will have received, I make no doubt, a Copy of an Act of Congress of the 9th Instant, ascertaining the Quotas of non Commissioned Officers and privates to be furnished by the Respective States for the ensuing Campaign, and directing all the men in the additional Corps, Guards, Artillery and Horse and the Regimented Artificers in the Departments of the Quarter Master General and Commissary General of Military Horses, as well as those of the Battalions in the State lines, whose times of service do not expire before the last of September next, to be considered as part of the Quotas of the States to which they respectively belong. The Quota of the State of Maryland is fixed at 3238, and I have now the honor to inclose your Excellency a Special Return of the Non Commissioned Officers and Privates in her Seven Battalions and of the men belonging to her in Spencer's & Hazen's Regiments, serving with Harrison's Regiment of Artillery in the late Gale's Artillery Company. Lee's Corps and the Artillery Artificers; designating in a particular manner, the proportion engaged for the War and by monthly column periods when, and in what proportion the services of the Rest will expire. Your Excellency will observe by the Act, that the men whose engagements expire before the last of September and I have already taken the liberty to mention are not to be counted as part of the 3238 and therefore according to the Return inclosed the deficiency to be raised recrediting also the 26 in the German Battalion is 1047. There are however a few Corps besides those I have mentioned not acting immediately with the part of the Army in which there may be some men belonging to the State, and I consider it as an unlucky circumstance that I have not such Returns of them in my possession as will ascertain the point and the credit to which the State may be entitled in consequence. The principal one is the German Battalion. I expect a Return of this and of one or two more Corps when I shall take the earliest occasion after obtaining them, to advise your Excellency of the number of them in them belonging to the State. I have thought it more eligible to transmit the present Return than to delay it, till those of every little detached Corps could be collected, as the want

of these, admitting they should contain a few then belonging to the State, can make no material difference with respect to the deficiency to be levied and the postponing the business on that account would interfere essentially with the views of Congress and indeed entirely defect them, as to the time assigned for the Recruits taking the Field, I would observe before I conclude that the present Return bears the fullest number of Men under every description that the State can have in her Seven Battallions and the other Corps, which it comprehends, and they would most probably be found, if an actual inspection could take place, to fall a good deal short of the Complement, as there is always a material difference between an Army on Paper and its real strength. A comparative view between the Total amount of an Army as borne upon every General Return and the Column of present fit for duty and the Absentees that can be satisfactorily accounted for demonstrates this beyond question.

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I have the Honor to be with the greatest respect & esteem Yr Excellency's Most Obed^t Servant G° Washington

P. S. According to an Abstract Return obtained from the Muster Master General in October, The German Battalion amounted in the whole to 208 Men, out of which number the Inlistments of 66 expire before September. There will then be, supposing all the men alive, 142 engaged for the War, but I cannot determine what proportion of these belong to Maryland or Pennsylvania. In December there were 53 men of the late Rawlins's Corps at Pittsburg, but the terms of their inlistments are not known, nor can I say whether they are now in Service.

No. 29 February 21 Brown Book No. 8 Letter No. 17 (See also No. 18) This letter is thus endorsed The original of this Letter sent to the Revd Jared Sparks of Boston, by Permission of the Executive to be inserted in a Volume of Fac Similes, which the said Sparks designs to Publish, of letters of distinguished Revolutionary Characters by Tho: Culbreth, Clerk of the Council

I have this minute received a State of the Pennsilvania part of the German Battalion, by which it appears that 116 of the 142 men inlisted for the War belong to her. Hence it seems that Maryland is only entitled to a credit of 26 in this Corps G. W.

List of American Officers Prisoners who have Violated their Paroles belonging to the State of Maryland

Rank & Names	County	State
Capt. Richd Davis	.....	Maryland
Lt William Piles	.....	d°
James Tool	Baltimore	d°
Jacob Carsdorph	.....	d°

[Henry Lee Junr Ma. Com Md. Annapolis to Gov. Lee]

Sir I had the honour to address the delegates in Congress from the State of Maryland on the subject of supplys of cloathing &c for the Officers in the corps under my command, subjects of this State. They were pleased to communicate my application to your Excellency; I beg leave to request a decision. I must also trouble

Brown Book No.8 your Excellency for Authority & money to recruit twenty Soldiers in this State, Congress having been pleased to order an Augmentation of the Infantry serving under me.

February 23 Red Book No. 26 Letter No. 153

[Sam'l Farmer Lieut 3d Maryland Reg't Baltimore to Col Uriah Forrest]

Sir. I Received your Favour of the 5th Instant and have Reced Seventeen Blanketts from Mr Keeports, & the Recruits is in Grate Want of more and Cant Git them & the men is in Want of Overalls and Mr Keeports will not have any made Before he has Orders From the Governor I Hope that you Will send an order By Serjt Howard to Mr Keeports to have them made for the men & They are in Want of Hatts and Coats Vestcoats & Shoes But Stand in the most need of the Over Halls

Red Book No. 5 Feb. 23 Letter No. 94

[Geo Plater & James Forbes, Philadelphia to Gov. Lee]

Sir We herewith forward to your Excellency the Act of Congress relative to furnishing the Officers with Cloathing, & in Compliance with your Requisition, moved that you might have Permission to draw on the Continental Treasury in the State for reimbursing such Supplies. The Congress declined to give their Opinion upon the Subject & commited it to an especial Committee; when they report, we shall not fail to give you the Result of their Deliberation in the mean Time, we think, no ill Consequence can attend drawing on that Fund for the above Purpose. We have the Honor to be with the highest Sentiments of Respect Yr Excellency's most obt & very hble Servants

February 23 Red Book No. 7 Letter No. 175

[Ben Stoddert, Secry, War Office, to His Excy The Govr Lee]

Sir I have the honor to forward to Your Excellency, a return of the officers & men belonging to the State of Maryland, attached to the additional & Independent Corps, therein specified. It may not be unnecessary to observe, that the Original returns from which this was taken, were made out some months ago, since which many alterations must undoubtedly have taken place. and of course the present, together with the returns before sent, contain but a very inaccurate State of the Troops of Maryland, attached to the addl & Independent Corps.

February 25

[Sam Gadman A. A County, Elk Ridge Landg To his Excellency Thomas Sim Lee, Governor of Maryland, & his Hble Council]

Whereas information has been made to me, one of the Iustices assigned to keep the Peace, in said the County, that a certain John Hobbs, in the County aforesaid, being pursuant to an Act of As-

sembly of this State, appointed a Recruiting Officer, for the said County has frequently and in diverse manner abused the Trust reposed in him, by Inlisting of Men for the Army of the United States, and suffering them, for certain considerations paid him to be at Liberty, taking advantage of unguarded men w^t families, by making them Drunk, and inlisting them, with a view of making them Ransom themselves at a very high rate those that had not money to do it, he'd take an Indenture on, and sell them for 2, 3 or 4 years during the continuance of the Substitute Law, he recruited a number of Men, which he sold to different People for Substitutes at a very advanced Price, it appears from the general Tenor of his Conduct, since his commencement, that he has continued an entire prostitution of the publick Money, in such, and the like egregious enormities. The better to make this appear, the summoning of John Horn Benjamin Stevens John Ellicot & Misael Deaver, all of this County (except Jn° Ellicott) will shew the matter very clearly. February 25

Presupposing it was to your Honorable Board the information ought to be given, I have taking the Liberty to present the above

[John Randall Philadelphia to Gov. Lee] February 25

Sir I inclose a Transcript of the necessaries I've purchased here for our Troops, I wanted to purchase more Rum, but none of the traders would agree to wait for the Money till it could be sent from Maryland. I have been detained five days for want of Waggons, which I have just procured and sent of with the Goods, but fear they'll be Stop'd at Trenton with the Ice, every exertion will be made to get them to Camp as Quick as possible

I hope to Receive an Answer soon, to the Letter sent by Capt Keeports, with full instructions how I am to proceed in my distribution of the Cloathing and necessaries, to the Officers which I shall attend to with the greatest care

Morris Town 5th Feb^ry 1780

John Randall Bought Of Aaron Forman

13	Barrels Sugar 32^C.0^Q.24^lb Neet @ £200 ꝑ C^t		6439. 5.0
6	ditto & 1 Tierce Coffee 1515½^lb	90/	6819.15.0
4	Boxes Chocolate 280½^lb	105/	1472.12.6

Bought of Stevenson & Canfield

1	Hhd Bohea Tea 287^lb Neet @ 57 Dollars	6134.12.6
		£20,866. 5.0

February 25 Sundries Bo[t] in Philad[d] By J. Randall for the Maryland Troops 20th feb[ry] 1780

2 Hhds best West India Rum	228 Gall[s]	@ £35		£7980.. 0..0
2 ditto common	d° 230 d°	£32		7360.. 0..0
5 Boxes Soap	485[#]	52/6		1278.. 2..6
2 Hhds Leaf Tobacco	N[t] 1682	£75 p C[t]		1261..10..0
262[#] Manufactur'd	d°	67/6		884.. 5..0
3 Packages & Cooperage				43.. 7..6
Porterage				18.. 0..0
* 4[lb] Bohea Tea £90 4[lb] Chocolate £ 21..0				111.. 0..0
* 52[lb] Powder'd Sugar £156..0..36[#] Coffee £162.0				318.. 0..0
* 8 Gallons Rum @ £35.0				280..0..0
3 loafs Sugar 24[#].7. @ 90/				110.. 5..0
2 Tin Measures & 1 brass lock				60.. 0..0
				£19704..10..0

* These Articles were bought for four Officers on duty in Philad[a] The loaf Sugar for Gen[l] Gist, he takes it in lieu of other Articles

February 26 Red Book No. 7 Letter No. 26 [Sam Huntington, President, Philadelphia, to His Excy the Govr (Lee) of Maryland]

Sir. Your Excellency will receive herewith enclosed an Act of Congress of the 25th Instant by which the several States are called upon to procure their respective Quotas of Supplies for the ensuing Campaign in the Articles and quantities specified in the Act.

Congress in assigning the quotas have endeavoured to suit the Circumstances and conveniency of each State as far as possible.

You will observe that the Prices affixed to the several Articles are in Spanished milled Dollars and the accounts are to be kept and finally Settled in like Currency as a fixed Standard in order that equal Justice may be done to all the States, and to prevent the great Inequality of Prices which hath happened in some Instances in different States and Places for articles of the same kind and quality.

As it is not in the power of Congress at present to determine the just quota of each State they have made Provision in this as in former Acts that equal Iustice shall be done to each State in the final Settlement of their Accounts.

It is supposed that each State will chearfully take upon themselves to furnish collect and deposite the Provisions and Articles assigned to them respectively which being done will supersede the necessity of purchasing Commissaries and quarter masters in the several States. In order to enable the States the more easily to comply with this Act, you will observe they are excused from paying into the

Continental Treasury two thirds of the monies which they called on to raise monthly for the use of the United States by the Resolution of the 6th of October last. Red Book No. 7

Congress have thought it expedient to form the estimate of Supplies as large as would be necessary for the most vigorous Exertion in any Case that may be with probability supposed; but as the scene of Action may change or from a variety of other Causes and unforeseen Events the quantity of supplies necessary to be furnished by all or any of the States cannot be reduced to a Certainty it is expected the Commissary Genl will give due notice to the several States of the Kind and Quantity of Articles wanted from Time to Time that they may be collected or deposited at the places assigned by the Commander Chief.

The Importance and necessity of a substantial Compliance with this Act of Congress are so obvious that nothing farther seems necessary to be added to excite the most vigorous exertions on the Part of the several States to carry the same into Execution.

I have the honour to be with every Sentiment of respect your Excys hble servant

[Thos Lansdale, Baltimore Town to Gov. Lee] February 27

Sir As you have not any blue Cloth in the store, I find there is as much in Town as will make two Coats. Col Hall is here if you'l give us the indulgence of purchasing, we will take it as a favour. The price is £95 yd you'l please to let me have Orders on the Store for 37 yards of the striped Cloth and linnen for shirts.

[Thos Sollers, Balt. Town to His Excellency Thos. S. Lee Esqr] February 28

Sr Agreable to your request I have Examind the Clearances of the Different Vessells and find Inclosed you an Account of all the flour Bread &c. Shiped by Mr William Smith, and Mr Samuel Smith since the first of Aprill Last as appears by the Manifests left in the Office. The death of Mr Daffen who Transacted the Business for me, has Delayed my not sending it sooner, he lay a long time Sick during which the papers and every thing were much Confusd

An Account the flour Shiped by Coll. Samuel Smith from the Port of Baltimore Since the 1 Aprl 1779

1779	Masters of Vessells Names	Vessells Names	Where Bound	Cargo on board	Barrells flour
Oct. 21	George Hunt	Schooner Willing Maid	York River in Va.		37
Nov. 11	Shadrick Ames	Sloop James	Ditto Ditto		164
Dec. 20	Peregrine Dunk	Sloop Molly	Ditto Ditto		55

Red Book No. 7

An Acco^t of the flour Bread &^c which appears to have been Ship'd by Mr William Smith out of the Port of Baltimore since the first of Aprill 1779—in the following Vessell &c.

1779	Masters Names	Vessells Names	Where Bound	Cargoes on Board	Barrels Brand	Barrels flour	Barrels Bread	Kegs Biskit
May 1	James Perkins	Schooner Hazard	New Hampshire in N. England			178	..	—
Aug 21	Chas Harrison	Ship Defence	Cape Francois			1277	85	20
Oct. 3	Sept^s Nowell	Schooner Phinex	Virginia for the use the french			75	46	— 23
4	John Payne	Schooner Sucess	D^o D^o	.....	11	39	33	
7	Wm Davis	Young Buckskin	D^o D^o	.....		68	50	
19	Thos Saunders	Brig Queen of France	Hispanola	.....		600		
22	Robert Caulfield	Schooner Baltimore	Cape Francois	.....		390		
31	Joseph Fairboult	Brig Lady De Morellis	Martineque	.....		572		
Nov. 24	Richd Stiles	Schooner Swann	Boston N. England	.....		375		
Dec. 16	John Barborne	Boat	Virginia for the use of the french	12 Casks Butter		23		
	Newton Conner	Sloop General Wayne	Cape Francois	.....		114		

[Samuel Chester Baltimore to His Excelency Thomas S. Lee] February 28 [The enclosed list is not found]

Sr Having the honour of your Orders for Recruiting men for the Service of the united States with the Lawes of this State To Direct me and Likewise positive orders not to Inlist Brittish or forreign Deserters

But I find that there are officers in this Town which Inlist Boath Deserters and prisoners of war which I Can by no means Do my orders Being to the Contreary had I had that Liberty I could have Recruited more then the Col. of men for Baltimore Countey

I herewith send you a List of the men Recruited By me and Delivered To Capt. Samuel Farmer of the third Maryland Battalion agreeable To your orders I Drew on the Sherriff of Baltimore County for 3000 Dollars which I applyed Towards Raising these Recrutes

But Two of these men after Being Duley attested Before a Majistrate Deserted and as Capt Farmer says not Being Regularly passed Before a field officer he Could not Give me a Recipt for them But I had Carried them Before Maj^r Sollers and he said they wair Good men But Gave no further Certifycate

Now should I be at the Loss of these mens Bountey it would Be hard as there is not an opertunity of meeting with a field officer Every Day in Town and as I mentioned Before Brittish Deserters and prisoners of war pass Before our Field officers without Examination

Therefore I should Be Glad of your Honours Further Instructions about the matter

[Conrad T. Wederstrandt, Wye River, to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee, Esquire] February 29

Sir I had the honor to write to your Excellency the 5th instant since which Mr Richard Keene Commissioner for Caroline County has attempted to seize the Continental flour & wheat I have purchased in part of that County and also to press the Continental Waggons I have drawing the said flour to the Delawar Landings in order to be fowarded to the army pretending to be authorized by Law So to do, in order to remedy to the deffect occasioned by my neglect, which being erroneous is the more sencible, and Gentlemen of the House of Delegates having informed me it was look upon the Law passed appointing Commissioners would facilitate the Commissaries purchases, I am the more Surprized at Mr Richd Keene's conduct; therefore must desire Your Excellency's orders how to proceed, meanwhile I have directed the Millers & Waggoners to go on their usual way unless Mr Richd Keene should apply by authority and with proper officers in which case I have directed to let him take possession without opposition 'till I am informed by your Excel-

February 29 lency how to act, desiring you'll please to consider how hard it would be to me after all the trouble & difficulties I have had to see other persons take away the commissions I have right to (which will hardly be adequate to my expences) without forwarding the Service more than I have done.

Col. Peregrine Tilghman told me he had wrote to your Excellency about the 28 barr^{ls} of flour I purchased last December of Wm Hemsley Esqr as mentioned in my letter of the 5th instant, & he thought himself obliged to detain it 'till your orders are known; be pleased to inform me if I can forward them to your Excellency & the Gentlemen in Annapolis I bought them for.

I was lately in Somerset County and was informed there was about 70 or 80 barr^{ls} of flour in a Store at Salisbury purchased last Summer by M^{r} McBride, by order of the late Governor & Council for the use of the States; it has been so long there, that most of it is Sour. If brought up to Baltimore it may Sell to mix with Ship Stuff and make Ship bread otherwise it must be lost.

[W. Smith, Baltimore, to Gov. Lee.]

February 29 Sir By a letter of the 25th Inst. from the Agent general of the Marine of france. I am directed to apply to your Excell^{y} for permission to load with provisions for acco^{t} of his most Christian Majesty fleet & Army in the W. Indies the two following Vessells. To wit the schooner Holker & the schooner Morris, mounting four carriage guns & four swivels each, with fourteen men. I am also directed to withdraw the application made on Acco^{t} of the Brig. Hawke Capt. Taylor. I am sorry to be troublesome on this subject and must plead my instructions as an appology.

I would Iust beg leave to observe to your Exc^{y} that as I am informed much pains has been taken to injure my character with the public & reports circulated to induce a belief that under cover of a permission to purchase a quantity of flour for the french navy I had engrosed considerable quantitys for my own Acco^{t} & far exceeded the quantity permited to be purchased in this State. And as I am told returns have been made or are to be made to your Board of all the wheat & flour seized in my possession and in the possession of my Agents, I take the liberty for the information of your Excellency & the Council (who I wish to be acquainted with every of my transactions respecting this business) to mention that fourteen or fifteen hundred bb^{ls} of the flour seized in my stores at Balt^{o} is no part of that purchase, but delivered to my by order of the late Govr & Council by the State of Virginia & by the Continental commissary of purchases, this flour I was directed by the several committees of Congress to appropriate to diferent purposes. To Wit, for the use of the American Navy at Boston a part to be delivered to the order of the Comm^{y} general but principbly for the Marine of france. Add to this

the Ship Defences Cargo which was cleard out at this port, returned, & relanded here again, this Cargo was a purchase preceding the last years crop partly bought in this State & partly in Virginia. I flatter myself y^r Excellency will excuse my being this particular, from a wish to prevent y^r being Led into any mistake on this head, & to Justify my character from any imputations to my prejudice. On the whole you may be assured from the best returns I have yet been able to collect, the Amount of my purchase will not much exceed one the quantity permitted February 29

P. S. the bearer Mr Ch^o Johnson, will be so obliging as to call for an answer

[James Shaw to The Governor and Council]

I hereby Certify, that on the 26 Instant a Certain Person who calls himself by the name of Freeborn Garretson (was brought before me the subscriber one of the Justices assigned to keep the Peace for Dorchester County) as a Fugitive Dissaffected Person, from the State of Delaware, on Examination, he Acknowledged he had not taken the Oath of Fidelity to his State, or either of the United States, and also refused to take the Oath Prescribed by the General Assembly of the State of Maryland, in an Act entitled an Act for the better Security of the Government. I therefore Committed him to the Jail of Dorchester County, which Jail he is now Confined in. February 29

[Holker, Philadelphia to His Excellency Gov Lee]

March 3
Brown Book No. 8 Letter No. 36 See also Letter No. 40 (Liber C C No. 22 p. 69.)

Sir In answer to the letter with which you have honored me of the 21st february I shall inform you, that so soon as the intelligence of his Exc^y Count d'Estaing's arrival on the Coast of Georgia reached us & of her firm intention to visit these quarters, it was agreed that every exertion should be made to procure an ample Supply of provisions for his fleet which contained 25000 men & to Cooperate with him: it was determined that Mr Wm Smith of Baltimore with the permission & approbation of the then Governor & Council of Maryland should be requested to purchase 8000 barrels of flour with all possible dispatch, 4000 were ordered by my letter of the 30th of August & 4000 more by my letter of the 7th of Septr the choice of Mr Smith was approved of & Governor Johnston pledged himself for his success; in this I believe he has not been mistaken.

On the *.....the Hon: Committee of Congress for the Commissaries departments informed me that in addition to the Supplies for the Army & to those I had demanded from Mr Smith they had directed the Commissaries on the Eastern Shore of Maryland in

* This letter to me on the Subject was lately burned with my dwelling House in this city.

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consequence of my application to them of the 27th Sepr to purchase 4000 barrels, which were to be delivered to said Mr Smith, on account of the Royal Marine: this additional order formed my pretentions for 12000 Barrels & they have been acknowledged by the same Honl Committee, when they applied some time since to your Excellency & Council for all the flour purchased by my Agents over & above that quantity.

At the same time that the above mentioned purchases were directed to be made 12000 barrels of flour were demanded from the State of Pensilvania, who entered upon measures to obtain them forthwith, these however had not the desired effect, were soon after annuled & have not Supplied me yet with 1500 barrels of flour in the whole. Some time after the Steps were taken I perceived that the Continental Commissaries on the eastern shore of Maryland could not furnish any of the flour demanded from them because the wants & urgent necessity of the Army were so great that I was repeatedly applied to for the flour stored by my agents in this city: & in the beginning of November I was apprised that my conjectures were but too true, for instead of Supplying the 4000 barrels, *Colonel Blaine* applied for & obtained unknown to me, from Mr Smith 500 barrels of flour for the immediate relief of the Army, and under the most Solemn promise that he should replace them without delay, promise which he has not fulfilled to this moment.

Influenced by the apprehension of the fatal Consequences of these my Conjectures, I determined in the run of october to press Mr Smith more & more: I told him that I expected the fleet on the Coast forth with, that all my resources were almost frustrated in every quarter but his: I reminded him of the engagement of the Commissaries & Concluded that all my expectations for assistance and relief lay with him: it was on this ground that he pushed forward, that he exerted all the influence he was master of; had he obtained 20000 barrels I should have claimed the whole for the Royal Marine, as it would have been paid for by the remittance I should have directed to be made in behalf of the King's service & for the use of his fleet which was hourly expected, but this I knew was not the case. I knew it by the sums of money paid to Mr Smith, or by his demands on Mr Robt Morris, & therefore I willingly consented that the Scrutiney should be made under the idea that he was only authorized to purchase 12000 barrels & that the overplus should be applied for the relief of the American Army. How far I have been grounded in my Conjectures your Excellency can but inform, by the return I have demanded of the flour seized by the State Commissaries and redelivered to my Agents.

With respect to the letter of a Committee of Congress of the 12th July 1779 I shall observe that 3000 barrels only were accepted of by Mr Smith in Consequence of my directions instead of 8000, though

ten thousand had been ordered by a Committee of Congress & were purchased for the use of the Royal Marine for purposes then in Contemplation. Brown Book No. 8

Mr Gerard claimed leave to export 5 or 6000 barrels of flour by his letter of the 21st of August. 3000 barrels thereof have not yet left your State, which you'll perceive by the return of the Naval office; therefore nothing has been done contrary thereto from the purchasing 12000 barrels, it is not allways to be concluded that the same is to be exported forthwith—whenever that would have become necessary I should have made application for the same, & it would have been so if three large * Store ships which sailed from Martinico on the 14th November under Convoy of three frigates with Cargoes of Salt & West indies produces could have reached the Shores of America.

Permit me now to observe to your Excellency that to this day from the moment of the arrival of the Count de Estaings fleet in the American Seas, 8000 barrels of flour have not yet been furnished to the Royal Marine from the United States comprehending the supplies furnished that very fleet, off New York, Rhode Island & in Boston.

It is also incumbent on me to inform you, that his Majesty's fleet off Georgia, was ardently wished for & expected in the run of October last. It was intended that it should Cooperate with the American Army & should be seconded by a large body of militia: this body was not assembled, no fleet arrived here & notwithstanding these two circumstances, all the flour procured in Pennsilvania for the sole use of that fleet, has been taken from my Agents for relief of the Continental Army: what was Shipped on board vessels bound to Join the fleet, has been demanded & granted; no flour has been delivered by the Commissaries on the eastern Shore: the whole of what remained & which had been purchased at the greatest expence &c with immense trouble by Mr Smith of Baltimore has been seized & wrested from the hands of my Agents under pretence of the immediate relief of the American Army. the Vessels chartered to export the same have been refused a permission to load; His Majesty's Ship the Fendant then in Chesapeak could not have been supplied from the King's Stores in Baltimore, because they were no more at my disposal, & what is still more incomprehensible the provisions have been seized in consequence of Circular letters under the dates of the 17th January & 3^d february Coppies of two of which I have the honor of inclosing, in order to know from you whether they are genuine & whether they had the sanction of the Government of Maryland: I shall draw no Consequence, nor make any inference from those faits; I can only request you'll please to submit

* These vessels have been blown off the Coast, have put in Cape . . . . are refitting to proceed further.

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them to the Consideration of the Honorable the General Assembly, should you think it necessary, in order to engage them to take some effectual measures, so as the King's service may be established on a secure and respectable footing: you may depend I shall very readily Comply to all the formalities which may be deemed necessary to inspire the greatest Confidence in the operations entrusted to my Care & to deserve general esteem & approbation.

March 4

[Benja. Douglass, Charles County, to Gov. Lee.]

Sir I have received and Stored at Chukamuxon and Pomonkey on Potomack River Seventy five Bushells Corn and one hundred and forty two and three quarter Bushells Wheat, this I have given Certificates for. I have been among the people and have taken and have the promise of one hundred and twenty Barrells more of Corn, which is yet to come in, the Weather has been so very bad that, it is been impossible till now for it to be brought to granerys. I expect to have the whole ready in Ten days from this.

March 7 Red Book No. 5 Letter No. 52 (See Liber C C No. 22 p. 66)

[George Plater and James Forbes, Del in Congress, Philadelphia, to Gov. Lee]

Sir We are honor'd by your Excellency's Favor of 18th last. The Minister of France knows very well, however wrong he may have deemed the Measure, that the seizing the french Flour was to relieve the exceeding great Distress of the Army. & we have never understood, or even heard it suggested, that the Conduct of the State was imputed to any other Motive. We have no Reason to think that he doubts the Attachment of Maryland to the Alliance, & have heard him express Pleasure at the Receipt of your Excellencys late Letter, which he says is fully satisfactory. We have set before him, in the clearest Point of View we cou'd, the Extent of your Powers which will not permit the Suspension of any Law, without an Exception for that Purpose, & that it is your Duty to see all Laws executed in the utmost Extent; of all which he appears fully persuaded. The Consequences which he mentions to have imparted to one of us were, that as he found the Supplies were uncertain, & not to be depended upon, even after being purchased & stored, he could not, under such Uncertainty, invite a french Fleet to our Coast. We have ever esteemed it our Duty & hoped we had discharged it, to communicate to the Governor & Council, in Recess of Assembly, all Matters of Importance acted upon in Congress which may relate to Maryland, therefore am at some Loss for the Meaning of your last Paragraph, as we know of no Matter of Importance, relative to the State lately discussed which has not been forwarded—their is indeed a Report of a Committee on the Application of Mr Holker for three thousand Barrels of Flour over & above the Quantity last assigned, which when passed, we shall not fail to communicate.

[Peregrine Tilghman, Talbot County to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esqr]

March 7
Vide Liber C C No. 22 p. 72

Sir I received Your favor of the 2d Instant in Consequence of which I have released Mr Wederstrandt Flour. I wrote you the 3d of last month that there was little Probability of getting any Waggons, and requested You'd inform me to whom the Flour, Wheat &c should be delivered at the different Landings pointed out by the Law, that I might take the first opportunity on the opening of the Bay & Rivers to forward the supplies from this place not having yet been favored with an Answer Obliges me to order the bearer hereof Aron Ringrose Skipper of a Boat with 117 barrells of Flour to call on You for Your directions, contrary to my expectation some Waggons have been sent down & have taken 116 barrells of Flour which is all that I believe will go by Land Carriage, from the badness of the roads the expence this way is so much more than sending it by water I judged it right to discourage their sending more Waggons, Having seen extracts from two Letters to the Commissioners of Cecill giving it as Your Opinion that all the Wheat Flour &c purchased by the French Agents & Commissarys was liable to seizure and directing them to lay their hands on it, induces me to request you'd inform me whether such Orders were given in consequence of any misconduct of the Purchasers in that County, or whether You apprehend from the Words of the Law tis the Duty of All commissioners to make such Seisure. I hope from the present appearance of the Weather in a short time to have all the supplies from this County on its way to the Head of the Bay.

[Joshua Johnson, Nantes, to Thomas Johnson Esqr]

March 7

Dear Sir This will (I hope) be delivered you by Mr Richard Booth & his Compannion two Young Gent who have Left their Friends to seek their Fortunes in your Land of Hospitality on Application I wrote to England & find they are of an exceeding good Family & who part with them with no regret but that of Loosing their Company & Acquaintance, they commend their Spirit & give them good Characters their motives would be Sufficient to a man of Your Benevolence to render them every Service in Your Power but let me add my entreaties that you Contrive to put them in some way to keep them from want & which will add honour to your Character & oblige Dear Tom Your ever affect Bro

[William Smallwood, Portobacco, to Governor Lee]

March 7
Brown Book No. 2 Letter No. 32

Sir I find the utmost difficulty in obtaining Supplies of Provision and Forage for the Recruiting Officers and Parties in this Quarter as well as for such Officers who have come down to adjust their private Affairs for the Space of two or three months notwith-

Brown Book No. 2 standing I have express Instructions to that Purport (to supply upon my Order) from the Commissary General & Commissary of Purchases for the Department of this State as well as the Forage Master General, but the late Act has precluded most of the issuing and purchasing Commissaries from qualifying under it, by which means the Duties of the respective Departments are at a stand and must remain so, untill others are appointed and qualified.

The Commissioners also being a distinct Department and responsible only to the State do not think themselves justifiable in issuing such Supplies without an Order from the Governor and Council.

This reduces me to tresspass on you so far as to sollicit a general Order to be transmitted as early as possible directing the Commissioners to supply what may be conducive to the Service and necessarily ordered by Sir Your most Obed^t & very H^b Servt

March 7 Red Book No. 7 Letter No. 176

[Richard Peters, By order, War Office, to His Excellency Govr. Lee]

Sir We are alarmed & most feelingly distressed at the Accounts we have just received from the Commissary General of Issues of the State of the Magazines of Provisions at Camp. Unless the speediest Relief is afforded it is by no Means improbable that the Army will be obliged to disband, the Vicinity of the Camp & indeed the whole State of Jersey being exhausted by its Exertions for the supply of the Troops this Winter. We have therefore most earnestly to request the Assistance of your Excellency & the Honble Council upon this disagreeable Exigency & we beg you will cause as much Flour as posible to be forwarded that the Distress likely to fall on the Army & the dangerous consequences which may probably attend it, may be prevented

We have the Honour to be with the greatest Respect Your very obed. Servants

March 8

[Deposition of Thos. Hill Airey before Allen Quynn]

I hereby certify that I was in the Dellaware State some time last fall and having heared Mr Freeborn Garretson Preach a Sermon was much pleas'd with it, on conversing with him afterwards he informed me he was born in the State of Maryland and that he had been a Preacher of the Gospel in this and the adjoining States for near Nine years last past that the usual places he preach'd at when I saw him were in Somerset, the head of Dorsett, & Talbot Counties in this State and some part of Dellaware State, that his residence was in the Dellaware State generally.

On being thus informed knowing that the Gospel was more wanted in my Neighbourhood than any place I knew, I requested he would come and Visset our part of the County, on his coming he

was much approved of, after he had Preached, enquiry was made & it appeared he had not taken the Oath to this State but he produced good authority that he had complyed with every thing required by the State he belonged to. I really believe him to be a true friend of this County altho he appears to have some scruples to take the Oath prescribed by this State. Red Book No. 7

[U. Forest D. Q. M. to Henry Stevenson Esqr. Col of the Tax for Balto Coty] March 8

Sir Capt Farmer of the 3d Regt is in want of four thousand Dollars, in order to carry on the Recruiting Busyness, if you will be so obliging as to furnish him with that sum, I will be obliged to you & will have it enterd to your Credt on my Audrs Books & in the Treasury Office upon my return to Anns

Recd March 6, 1780 of Henry Stevenson Collector for Balt County the sum of fourteen hundred fifty one pounds thirteen Shillings & nine pence part of the within Acct

Sam Farmer Lieut 3d Maryland Regt

March 8th 1780 Recd the Ballance in full from William Jacob p me
Sam Farmer Lieut 3d Maryland Regt

[Joshua Stevenson, Balt. County to His Excelly Thos. Sim Lee, Esqr.] March 8

Sir There is at the different mills about fifteen hund Bus Wheat and about 200 Bus flour the Millers says belongs to Wm Smith I have taken the same and shou'd be Glad to know what is to be done with it I have likewise taken Possession about Eight thousd Bus. wheat & two hundd Barrels Flour. we shall want immediately a Sum of Money not less than 8 or 9 thousd Pounds for the Purchase of flour Barrels & Nails &c. I suppose an Ord. on the Collector for that sum may do.

[Andrew Buchanan to Council] March 9

[Asks pass for Miss Isabella Alexander of Cecil County]

[William Smallwood, Portobacco, to Governor Lee] March 9 Brown Book No. 2 Letter No. 51

Sir Captain Marbury and Lieutenant Mangus in his Company of the third Maryland Regiment have inlisted Twenty men for whom the following Species of Cloathing is wanted Viz. 20 Shirts, or Linnen sufficient to make them 20 Jackets 20 pr Breeches 20 pr Stockings and 20 pr Shoes which you will be so obliging to direct to be furnished to Captain Marburys Order who can supply them with Coats having brought that Number from Camp out of a Quantity which I drew from the Continental Clothier with an Intention to distribute them to such Officers who had been ordered on the

Brown Book No. 2 Recruiting Service & I wou'd beg leave to recommend in the strongest Terms that Supplies of Cloathing might generally be furnished to the Recruiting Offices as nothing wou'd contribute more essentially to promote that Service than cloathing their Recruits upon their Inlistment

March 9 [Van Swearingen, Fred County to Gov. Lee & Council]

I send your Exlency and Counsil an account of the Grain Bought for the use of the Contenental armey agreabel to the act of assembley one hundred Bushels of wheat seventy four Bushels of Rye twelve hundred and seventy one Bushels of Corn

March 9 [George Dashiell, Somerset County, to Gov. Lee]

Sir I am this moment informed that my Brother lieves home tomorrow for Annapolis, and I embrace the oppertunity (which is the first I have had since the receipt of yours) to Acquaint you that I have purchased About Eighteen Hundred bushels of Corn for the State, at the Price of Twenty dollars ꝑ bushel. The quantity purchased by the Other commissioners in this county I am unacquainted with. I am Apprehensive their is Corn in the County yet to dispose of. But am sensible if obtained, must be by seisure, which was not in my power to do within the time required to inform you of the purchase, And have postposed it, until I am instructed wheather the Quantity Already procured is Sufficient.

Col Jo. Dashiell says he was told by Mr Polk that he had obtained ab^{t} 1200 bush^{s} & Mr Jackson 500 bu^{s} Corn

March 10 [Benj Kirby's Deposition before Ja. Brice, Ald'n]

After acting for some time as Surgeon on board the Chester Galley, I left her, I went to sea. I left my medicine Chest, a quantity of Bottles & some medicines on board s^{d} Gally, & During my absence Mr James Sullivan then a Lieutenant on board s^{d} Galley) sold my Chest &^{ca} above mention'd to Commodore Grason Esquire for the use of the State of Maryland, for the price of 30 Dollars without my Knowledge, or any order Verbal or written from me

Benj Kirby makes oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that the Chest & Bottles &^{ca} above mentioned & now in possession of Thos Grason Esqr is his (the s^{d} Kirby's property) & that he never gave James Sullivan any order to dispose of the same to the best of his knowledge

March 10 Brown Book No. 1 Letter No. 30 [George Washington Head Qrs. to His Excelly Gov. Lee]

Sir Since I had the Honor of writing to Your Excellency on the 20th Ult^{o} I have obtained Returns of some Corps, which I had not then. I find there are in Moylan's Regiment of Light Dragoons a

few men belonging to the State of Maryland, of which I inclose you a particular Return, specifying the terms for which they stand engaged. Brown Book No. 1

I have received within a few days past the Honor of Your Excellency's Letter of the 3d of last month. In consequence, I have informed General Gist that a Flag shall be furnished to convoy your passport to New York, respecting Mrs Chamier's furniture &ca and I very much wish that she may receive them safe. Her peculiar circumstances and the generosity of Mr Chamier in his life time to our Prisoners, as has been frequently mentioned, seem to have given Mrs Chamier a good claim to the indulgences the Council have granted.

I have the honor to be with great respect & esteem Yr Excellency's Most Obedt St G° Washington

[John Cox, Cecil County to the Council] March 11 Red Book No. 23 Letter No. 76

Gentlemen I take the liberty by Mr John Ward to inform that I have collected and sent forward to the Head of Elk four hundred and some few Barrells of Corn, very little more to be collected in this part of the County under the Law and no Rye. And clear of the French Purchase, With what flour I have already sent forward. Wheat already in the Mills and more to send and Foremans Wheat sold to Col° Blane Commry in Philadelphia included I shall be able to make little more than four hundred and fifty or Sixty Barrells of flour.

A trifle more of Wheat may possibly remain beside what is in the Straw. Mr Ward can inform you of the clamours of the People in this part the distress of my family has prevented my Executing the Law so fully as I could have desired

[Sam Huntington, President, Philadelphia to His Excy the Govr (Lee) of Maryland] March 11 Red Book No. 7 Letter No. 28

Sir Your Excellency will receive herewith enclosed an Act of Congress of this Day wherein the States of Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Connecticut are respectively requested to deliver Mr Holker agent for the Royal Marine of France certain specified Quantities of Flour, and other Provisions on or before the first Day of May for the use of the Marine of France

which Articles are to be considered as part of the Quotas of Supplies called for from those respective States by the Resolution of the 25th of February last

As this Provision is wanted to supply the Fleet of our Ally in America it is not doubted the several States will readily comply with the Request of Congress

I have the honour to be with the highest respect and Esteem Your Excys hble Servt

March 13 [J. Hall, Junr, Octorara, to Gov. Lee.]

Honord Sir Lieut Elihu Hall of the 1st Maryland has been a prisoner neer three years has Recd no Suply from the State since his Capture, and wrote me the other day to apply to your Excellency for an order for his Cloathing as all the other officers has had several Suplies

March 13 [Freeborn Garrettson's Bond to The State of Maryland]

Know all Men by these Presents that We Freeborn Garretson of the State of Delaware and Thomas Hill Airey of the State of Marylد are held and firmly bound unto the State of Maryland in the sum of Twenty thousand Pounds common Money to be paid to the said State of Maryland To the which Payment well and truly to be made and done We bind ourselves and each of us, our and each of our Heirs Executors and Administrators jointly and severally firmly by these Presents Sealed with our Seals and Dated this thirteenth day of March Seventeen hundred and Eighty.

Whereas the above bound Freeborn Garretson an Inhabitant of the State of the Delaware has taken Shelter in Dorchester County within this State and for not complying with the Act of the said State for the better Security of the Government, was by James Shaw one of the Justices of Dorchester County, committed to the Goal of the said County

Now the Condition of the above Obligation is such that if the above bound Freeborn Garretson shall within Twenty Days from the Date hereof depart this State, and make his Personal appearance before the Executive Council of the State of Delaware at what place soever they may be sitting within Twenty Days from the Date hereof and also cause to be returned to the Governor & Council of the State of Maryland aforesaid of his Personal Appearance before them as aforesaid within Thirty Days from the Date hereof, then the above Obligation to be void else to remain in full force and virtue in Law

Frebn Garretson Thos Hill Airey

Signed Sealed and Delivered in presents of Richd Bryan J Woolford J. P. D. C.

March 13 Red Book No. 26 Letter No. 41 [Richd Dorsey, Balt. Town, to His Excely Thos. Sim Lee, Esqr.]

May it Please your Excellency When I was last at Annapolis I applied to the Council to Relinquish two fines against Majr Smith for the non appearance of Henry Kelleker and William Delany two Soldiers in my Company, they were Prosecuted by Robt Toole and Gray for felony. Majr Smith become Security for their appearance at the next Criminal Court, but before the Court met I was ordered to Camp, and thought it a Pity two so good men as those should be taken out of the Service, as the Proprietors themselves Acknowledg'd

them to be Innocent at the Ensuing Court but notwithstanding as they did not appear the Recognance was forfeited, and Execution Issued against the security Red Book No. 26

The Pay of the Soldiers being so small that it would take at least twelve months to pay the Recognance which was forfeited should be Exceeding Happy if it lies in your Excellencys Power to Redress them.

[Nath'l Smith, Balt. to Gov. Lee]

Sir The above by Capt Dorsey is nearly as he has Represented it. Robt Tool & Jno Gray went with me to two different Courts, before their Worships & their declar'd that they were Sensible that the within mentioned Kelleker & Dulaney were Inocent of what they had laid to their Charge and desired the Court to have the Actions Struck off. I should not have ben Security for them, had not I ben Satisfied the men ware Inocent, as it afterwards Apered to the Court. March 13 Red Book No. 26 Letter No. 42

The Majestrates allways told me they woud have the affair Settled without Charge to myself. Since the Executions ware served, I have talked to them on the Subject, they told me they had forgot it (as it had been so long in Court) or they woud have prevented the Executions being served.

If what Capt Dorsey & myself have said is not Sufficient to Convince your Excelency of the fact, I will git it from under their Worships hands, tho I make no doubt but your Excelency from this, will be Satisfied that what I have done was with no other motive but to serve the Country & two Inocent men, from Ruin. Therefore must beg your Excelency wou'd order that I may be Cleared of any Charge on the acc^t

[Ben Stoddert Secry, War Office, to Gov. Lee]

Sir In answer to your favor of the 3^d instant, I have the honor to inclose a resolve of Congress of the 16th of August last, & the Cloth^r Generals estimates made in consequence thereof for the years 1778 & 1779 agreeable to which the soldiers who have Clothing due to them for these years should be paid for their deficiencies. March 13 Red Book No. 7 Letter No. 194 (vide Liber C C No. 22 p. 73)

The Honble Council will observe that the resolve of Congress points out the mode of settling with the Soldiers for their deficient Articles, but as it has hitherto been impracticable to comply with this mode in every instance, the board have not hesitated in ordering their Paymaster to pay such men as have been discharged before they were settled with; and the certificates of the Regimental Paymasters have been deemed sufficient vouchers of the Justice of their claims. But it is presumed that men still in service should be paid as Congress direct

P. S. A List of the men belonging to Maryland who have been here, will be transmitted by next post.

March 13 [Peregrine Tilghman, Talbot County to Gov Lee]

Sir Having engaged Craft to carry the supplies from this County to the head of the Bay, Obliges me to request a draught on the Treasurer of this Shore for Seven or eight Thousand Pounds. People who keep Craft have it not in their power to hire or pay Hands necessary to navigate them but with the money arising from their freights, and most people of that class of Life will sooner be idle than not have their Wages paid as soon as earnt & often times before. I must likewise begg to be furnished with two quire of Certificates

I have been given Certificates for 467 Barr^{s} of Flour @ £10 p^{r} C^{ts} 1300 Bus^{ls} of Wheat @ 20 ꝑ B^{s} 500 Bus^{ls} of Corn @ £ 10 p^{r} B^{s} & shall have ab^{t} 233 barr^{ls} of Flour 2 or 300 Bush^{s} of Wheat & some few Bush^{s} of Indian Corn more.

The Waggons that came down after Flour I supplied with Forrage & a small q^{ty} of Flour for the Drivers &c.

March 13 [Solomon Stympson, Mount^{ry} County to His Excellency Thos. Sim Lee Esqr]

May Please Your Excellency Since I had the Honour of seeing you at Anapolis I have made but very Little purchases the whole amount of my purchass is Three Barrels Flour one hundred thirty four Bushells Wheat three hundred two and a half Bushells Rye three Thousand three hundred and thirty three Bushells Corn the whole at the former Price. As I have certificates to give for Shelling Corn Waggonage Storeage &c if they are to be printed should be Glad that they would be sent I have a few of the former Certificates yett by me and it may be that I may gett more Grain but it is what I do not Expect for it is Really scarce in my Nighbourhood. I have Agreed with five or six Waggoners to carry the Corn to Georgetown at forty Two pound Ten shilling p^{r} day and the Distance on an Average I suppose to be about thirty five Miles I have Allowed three days to perform the Jurney and Carry Eight Barrells at a Load Allowing that they may Travell Twenty Miles per day some I Expect is begun but for want of bages other cannot begin I have Received no Linnen nor bages yett nor money to purchase them with, As I find by the Law that I am to Receive Instruction from your Excellency and the Councill should be Glad to have it as soon as possible As I have not pressed anything as yett and the people that hath Waggons do not Incline to go for the above price and I am Doubtfull if I were to press and Call on the third person the price would be much Greater, I have Delivered Certificates to the people mostley and as soon as I Deliver the Remainder which I expect will be this week I intend to Return the duplicates.

[Trade with Bermuda] March 13

[Joseph Robinson, owner and master of the Sloop *Unity*, Henry Tucker, Mate, and the five mariners, mostly negroes, swear before Henry Courtenay of Baltimore County that they will try to carry cargo of corn to Bermuda in accordance with license. Certificate is filed from Benjamin Bascome and George Bascome that Benjamin Darrell, sailing master of the Unity, on December 25, loaded 1010 bushels of corn, 1000 feet of board and 4,000 bricks.]

[Elija Cole Head of Elk to His Excellency the Governor & Council] March 13 Red Book No. 23 Letter No 79 (See Liber C C No. 22 p. 65)

Gentlemen I Receiv'd yours of the 12th of february Directed to Joseph Gilpin Esqr and Myselfe, Requesting We should send you a fuller Information Under Oath Respecting Mr Ewings Conduct, Agreeable to Infermition Lodged With you Mr Ewing Aludes To That Charge of french Agency and Speculators ALone, Therefore you Will Have The Pleasure of seeing The Dispositions Taken Before Mr Hughse and Mr Miller On The Ocation, I Ment Not To Ingure Mr Ewings Carracter, But Mearly To Do the Publick Justice, But His Apointment and Ours Being so Diamatricably Oposit It Was Imposable for To Act Without Interfering With Each Other, as Mr Cole By His Deposicion Has Made It apeare That, the Jentlemen Whome I Mentioned, When with you Own'd A Part of That Wheat; We are His Pardners And That He Took them In In order To fulfil His Contract With Mr Ewing Therefore It Renders it onnessesary for me To Say any Thing more, On The Ocation.

I Have Inclosed you a Ruf Return of What flower and Corn We Have Colected The flower Is all sent on and The Corn Is Consum'd This Post The Wheat In The Mills I Expect Will Be Immediately Manufactured and sent on as The millers with us Is all Got to Work Should Be glad of your Advice And Instructions In Respect of our further Proceeding

NB fron The Best Information we are Able To give you at This Time of The Quantity of flower That Will Be Receiv'd In This Country Will Be About 2000 Barrells and about 3000 Bushels of Indian Corn

Elija Cole Saml Gilpin

[Lloyd Beall, Capt. Lieut. 7th Mary'd Regt. Geo. Town To the Clothier at Annapolis] March 14

Please to deliver Dennis Ternan, Cornelius Morriss, Wm Hurley, Edward Claney, Phillip Sullivan Jno Daviss Saml Daviss, Thompson Murrey, Jno Loveday Jno Zaplin the Bounty of Cloathing they being recruits belonging to the Seventh Maryland Regt Wm Hurley Edward Claney Philip Sullivan Saml Daviss Cloathing you'l please to Deliver to Dennis Ternan as these men Cannot attend for them, on account of their being naked

Red Book No. 23 March 15 [Peregrine Tilghman, Talbot County to Thos Sim Lee Esqr]

Sir Your favor of the 13th Instt is now before me I shall do all in My Power to forward the Flour &c in my Possession to Colo. Henry Hollingsworth as therein directed. In my Letter of the 7th Instant I meant to beg Your Opinion not only as to the Seizure of Wheat Flour &c purchased by the French Agents, but likewise as to the Purchase made by the Commissarys for the Use of our Army, Acting under Licence from you, on which Your Letter is silent. I wish not to be troublesome, but as I would avoid giving Uneasiness to Persons Acting under the Legal Authority of the State, I shall forbear taking into My Possession any Wheat, Flour &c Purchased by the Commissarys or their deputies having such License, Untill favor'd with Your Opinion particularly on the head, not being clear in my own either as to the Letter or Spirit of the Law respecting such purchases.

March 15 [John Green To The Honourable Govourner and Council]

I do agree To Serve in the State boat Dolphin as Commander For £150 ꝑ month, and to be allow'd for the use of my self and people 10 Gallons of rum 10 £bs Coffee or 1 £bs Tea with 12 £bs Shugar ꝑ month Likewise and to be allow'd provisions as has been usual In the State Servis my pay to Commence from the first day of this preasant Month

Sirs This is to inform you that I am desirous to know upon what terms I am to Continue as Commander of the boat Dolphin, and upon what terms I am to Ship men, for the said Boat, if the Wages and prevolidge allow'd me, is sufficient to support me, I am willing to Continue as Commandr of the said boat, after being in the service for this three years past as an Officer, I hope it will pleas your Honours to think of me for servis done.

March 17 [John Moale Baltimore County Green Spring Forrest to Gov Lee]

Sr Six days after I was qualified as one of the Commissioners for procureing Flour & other provisions for the Army, I was taken with the Gout, which confined me to my Bed three Weeks & to my House upwards of five, & am now only able to ride short Distances. I have collected in flour & Wheat to amount of near Two Hundred Barrells of Flour if my Health had continued, should have collected a much larger quantity, nevertheless am hopefull the State will not suffer much by my being incapable of acting as Mr Stevenson collected in my Rideing & what remains I will try to get. during my illness Mr Andrew Buchanan promised me to inform you of what I had done which he tells me he did, which is the reason I did not write to you before this. Mr Buchanan informs me that it will not be disagreeable to you, to have the Flour stored at Fells Point, there-

fore intend sending of it to that place without delay. I thought it would be to the advantage of the State, to have the Barrells nailed, & lin'd therefore have agreed with a Cooper to do the same. as no Person will Either let me have Barrells, Nails, nor do any thing Except what they are Obliged to by Law for Certificates, shall want money to pay for the above Articles & other Expences attending this Business. therefore if Your Excellency thinks proper be pleased Either to send the money or give an order on the Collector for about One Thousand Pounds, tho this seems large, yet it will not purchase more than Twelve or Fifteen pounds would have done before these wretched times. March 17

I am rendred by the Gout unfit for Militia Duty, being Convinced I could not endure the Hardships & fatigues required of an Officer in my Station, should I be Called out on Duty, do resign my Commission which is herewith inclosed.

Sr Since I wrote the above, I have received your Excellencys letter of the 11th Instant, I am Exceeding sorry our Army is in such distress for want of Flour you may depend that I will do all in my power to forward all I have ready to the place within Mentioned, allso will have the Wheat in my hands & what I may get Manufactur'd & the Flour arising therefrom forwarded without delay. if the £8000 mentioned in yours intended for all the Commissioners, the sum requested by me need not be sent—if not I cannot possibly do without it therefore hope your Excellency will Either furnish me with the money or an Order as soon as possible.

P. S. I have taken some Indian Corn but as the same is not shell'd Cannot Ascertain the Quantity but Expect there will be Two Hundred Bushels.

[Elija Cole Cecil C'oty Head of Elk to His Excellency Thos Sim Lee] March 17 Red Book No. 23 Letter No. 78

Gentlemen Since your last Information to us We Have Been forwarding All the flower We Possibly Could, Being In some Measure Acquainted With The Scarceness in Camp, forwarded from Tow To Three Hundred Barrells from the Mills Heare, A Day or Tow Before We Receivd your Last Instructions, But for Want of flower Barrells Cannot send On The Remainder As fast as We Could Wish, The Coopers In general Are Poor and say they Cannot Work for Sertificates, The Demand for Casks Heare Is very Considerable as there Is a good Deale of Wheat sent To This Place To Be Manefacter'd, Therefore Beg you To furnish us With some Money For That Purpose, Or In Case There Is None To Grant us An Order On The Sherif of this County for a sufficient Sum, We Have Been oblidge To Lay out all The money We Could Colect for Barrels as It Apeared Impossible To Procure them Otherways and We Could see No other way of Hastening on the flower.

Red Book No. 23 What flower We Had siezed In the Hands of Mr John Ward Veazey Belonging To the french Is all forwarded on By order of Col^o Hollingsworth on Nowne To Our Knowledge for which He Means To Be Acountable for To your Honors.

March 18 [John Stewart of Annapolis, Cambridge, to Honourable Thomas Sim Lee Esqr]

Honble Sir I have Received a Commission appointing me a recruiting officer for this County, Inclosing an order on the Sherriff to receive money from him for that Purpose, which order I have presented but have not been able to receive any money As I would wish to execute the Commission your Excellency has been pleased to honour me with shall be glad that you will be pleased to order such sum of money as you may think necessary to be immediately transmitted to me as the business cannot be done without, I have with my own Money got two recruits, and hope to be able in a Short time to get more if furnished with the necessary being Late before I received your Commission, would be glad to know if I, may continue longer than the time Specified.

March 20 [Cesar Rodney, Dover Delaware State, Certificate]

It is hereby certified, That agreeable to the Tenour of a Bond entered into by Freeborn Garitson in compliance with an order of the Honourable Council in the State of Maryland, enjoining his Personal Appearance within a limited term, before the Executive Power of the State of Delaware; the said Freeborn Garitson a Preacher among the People called Methodists, who hath a considerable time past resided chiefly in this State, and under its Protection; did upon the Day of the date hereof, appear in Person before me.

March 20 [Nathaniel Smith to Council]

[Asks discharge of Joseph Wilkes, who enlisted in January 1776, but is now in bad health and has a wife and three children.]

March 21 Red Book No. 30 Letter No. 26 [Geo. P. Keeports, Baltimore, to Gov. Lee]

May It Please your Excell^y The Recruits here are in the Greatest Need of Shoes and Coats or Coattees. I have Overalls Making. Shou'd be oblidged to your Excellency to Instruct me how to Act in having Cloathing made up, and what is to be Done with the Cloth Bo^t of Mr Bowley and the Coarse Cloth Bo^t of Mr Dorsey & Hammond the Brown Shalloon and the Narrow brown Pratteens Bo^t of M^r D & H will make Good Coattees for the Summer and are not fit for anything Else.

[Pratteen is not in Oxford Dictionary]

I have Engaged Buttons for the Officers with one Evans who Makes Very Fine Buttons and Marks them with the Number of the

Regiment & the Letter M. the Coat Buttons at £18 p^r Dozen & Waiscot Buttons at £ 16 p^r Dozen. You will Please to Inform me how many he is to make for Each Regiment. Red Book No. 30

I have Enquired for Trimmings for Officers Cloathing but Cannot find any suitable in the Town Your Excellency will Please to send me up more Money by the First oppertunity to Enable me to Discharge the Ballances due for the Teems that were Employ'd Taking out the Cloathing to Camp and pay for making Overalls and for Provision for the Two men at the Fort Whetstone Point

[Holker Philadelphia to His Excellency Gov. Lee] March 21 Brown Book No. 8 Letter No. 33

Sir In consequence of a resolve of Congress of the 11th currant, a coppy of which I have the honor of transmitting to your Excellency, it appears that congress have deemed it necessary to appropriate for the use of his most christian Majesty's royal navy, 15000 barrels of flour out of the Supplies demanded from your State, & that the flour seized in the Hands of Mr Smith should be returned to him.

it is my duty in consequence thereof to inform you that the whole of the flour mentioned therein, will be wanted for the first of May & that what has been Seized is necessary immediately for the following purposes.

1. in order to forward to Benjn Harrison Junr Esqr at James river 500 barrels of flour and as many of Biscuit to be lodged in his Stores, for contingent purposes for which I request your Excellency will condescend to grant a permit to Wm Smith Esqre of Baltimore.

2dly to Load the Schooners, Baltimore, Morris & Holker which have been freighted to go with flour to St Domingo and all which have been waiting for a permit to load & proceed on their voyage

3dly in order to prepare for the three Store Ships from Martinico, which have put back to y^r cape by Stress of weather & which I have a right to Expect hourly, in consequence of a Letter of the 5th January from the Commanding officer of this Expedition.

4^thly^ in order to prepare for other contingent purposes.

I hope your Excellency and the Honble the Council will please to attend to my Earnest remonstrances on this head, Least any misfortune may Ensue from further delays, & in order also to diminish the Expences encurred by the detention of the vessels which I Expect will be claimed by the Owners thereof, Either from me or from the Governour of your State.

I Remain with Sentiments of profound Respect

[J. Gunby Kembles near Morristown to Gen'l Smallwood] March 25 Brown Book No. 5 Letter No. 69

Dear Genl I beg leave to call your attention for a Short time, respecting, as I term it, unjust, partial, distribution of the Blue Cloth, sent up by the State of Maryland, for the use of her Officers.

Red Book No. 5 Sometime after Mr Randall had received the Cloth brought up by Mr Keeport, he took upon himself to deliver it Individually, no day or time was appointed for a delivery, no method taken to proportion the Cloth to the different Regimts agreable to its Quality, or quantity, & altho I demanded of Mr Randall the time he meant to deliver the Cloth to the Officers, it was kept from me while the prime & greatest part was delivered & this delivery was made on the very day, that I requested of Mr Randall to know when we might attend for our proportions of the Cloth, finding this to be the case I applied to Genl Gist, who Commanded the Maryland Division, to give some order respecting the matter, that Iustice might be done to the Officers; that Conceived themselves injured, his reply was, that he did not think the distribution a proper one, but that he had not Authority to give order respecting the matter I inform'd him that all distributions of State stores in our Line, had been made by order of Genl Small-wood, & never heard the authority doubted by any in the Line, except by Mr Randall & that very lately, but these Arguments proved to have no effect. A material difference there was in the Quality of the Cloth, & leave you to Iudge, from the nature of the distribution, whether those that were not among the foremost is not Injured, they are of your Brigade and did not expect an unjust distribution would have taken place. I am so unfortunate as to have none of the Cloth, & cannot conceive that the Assembly of Maryland, ever intended that Mr Randall should have had the entire order of the clothing furnished for the use of her Officers, or from the Letter of her Act, that an Ensign should have prefference to a Field Officer in distribution; I wrote to Mr Randall some short time after he had made delivery, requesting he owuld inform me the quality of the Cloth he had on hand, also what he had delivered, he inclosed me in his answer five or Six Samples of the cloth he had received; in them were papers pinn'd to the different Samples and on them were wrote Genl Gist choice, Colo Williams choice, Major Andersons choice, &c. &c. this is the true State of the treatment we have received, if any thing is necessary to be done to prevent, an injury of this kind's taking place again in your absence, I make no doubt but you will attend to it, I have nothing new, your Officers and Soldiers are in Genl very healthy, the Officers present their Compliments to you, & by accepting mine you'll very much Oblige dear Genl

March 25 [Ezek Forman, Clk, to Gov. Lee.]

[On behalf of Justices of Kent County reports death of Mr. Hall, the Sheriff.]

March 26 Red Book No. 26 Letter No. 128 [Joseph Ford Saint Marys Co'ty to Gov Lee]

Sir I Purchased of Mr Charles Hayden Forty Barrels Corn and paid him for it at the rate of Twenty Seven Pounds pr Barrel Eigh-

teen of which I Returned for the Use of the United States Army, the Evidence I Reserved for my family. And had Rec'd Thirty Barrels of it in a Store Convenient for Transportation when Mr William Kilgore one of the Commissioners appointed for this County Pursuant to an Act of the General Assembly passed last December Seized it in the hands of Hayden and paid him a Certificate at the Rate of Thirty seven Pounds Ten Shillings ꝑ Barrel, Altho he was Previously informed by others and myself of my having Discharged the contract. Many People in this County Complain of having Two Commissions paid on the Necessaries for the Army but with Much more Iustice will they be disturbed when they come to know that so much more money was Paid than there was an Occasion for. I should be glad of your Excellencies directions in this matter which I hope to have by Return of Mr Athan Ford who will have the Honor of Delivering you this. I Herewith Inclose My Appointment as Assistant Commissary of Purchases for Calvert & Saint Maries Counties

Red Book No. 26

N. B The Lydia Long Boat which the late Govr was so good as lend me is still in my care, I would have sent her up to Annapolis long since, but she is not trust worthy to Send up the Bay, I should be Glad your Excellcy would inform me what I am to do with her.

[George Washington, Head Qrs. Morris Town, Circular to His Excellency Gov Lee]

March 26 Brown Book No. 1 Letter No. 31

Sir Your Excellency will have received I presume before this, a Transcript of an Act of Congress of the 25th of last month, calling on the several States for Specific quantities of provision, Rum & Forage for the Army, and directing the Articles of Supplies to be collected and deposited at such places in each of the States, as should be judged most convenient by me. In the case of a defensive war like ours, which depends almost wholly on the movements and operations of the Enemy, it is difficult if not impracticable to fix on places of Deposit for Stores, which may not be rendered improper by subsequent events, & all we can do upon such occasions, is, to collect them where it shall apear from a comparative view of circumstances, that they will be probably secure and most likely to facilitate the purposes intended. I have considered the point with respect to the supplies required of your State, and I beg leave to inform your Excellency, that it appears to me, they should be deposited at the following places & in the proportions set against each respectively, Viz

	Barrels Flour	Tons Hay	Bushells of C
Head of Elk	14.000	140	52.152
Baltimore	3.000	30	2.000
George Town	3.000	30	2.000
	20.000	200	56.152

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As to the beef, the time & place of delivery & the proportion from time to time, must of necessity, be governed by the occasional requisitions of the Commissary General.

I have the Honor to be with the highest respect & esteem Y^r Excellency's Most Obed^t Servt G° Washington

Red Book No. 26 Letter No. 41 March 26 Sunday morning

[Henry Dickinson, Kent Island, to Gov. Lee]

Honourable Sir In consequence of your Letter by Mr Wilmot, I got down hear yesterday morning with all the Cash in my hands as Treasurer, but have been Prevented from Crossing the Bay by the hardness of the winds yesterday, which still continues, and as there is Horses to Cross, I did not Chuse to run any risque, and therefore shall waite hear for a more favourable Prospect, which I suppose I shall have this evening or to morrow morning early.

NB. M^r Jn° Wilmot your Express is also hear with me

March 27

[Abraham Faw Frederick Town to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esqr]

Sir It has been some Time Since I Receiv'd Any Instructions from your Excellency as to Purchasing of Cloathing in this County the Cloath you mentioned in Your Last Letter to have been sent from Baltimore and Issued to Recruits here, has not Come to Hand tho' often applied for by the officers, I have now Purchased to the Amount of About £59000, they Consist in About 1600 Shirts 836 p^r Stockings 1216 Hatts 37 Blankets and 63 p^r Shoes for which I am Something above £3000 in Advance. I have had an Offer of 200 Hatts @ 30 Dollars which is the Highest Price I have yet Given, and as Every Article now seems to Rate with us, are Cheap if they are wanting. You will Please Sir Advise me about it, and if you think it proper to send me an Order on Mr Edelen (our Present Collector) for money to Purchase them, or at Least to pay what I am in Advance if you think Proper to Discontinue the Purchases, I shall be down in May at the Provincial Court in Order to Render and Settle the Accounts.

March 29 Red Book No. 30 Letter No. 22

[Geo P. Keeports, Baltimore, to Gov Lee]

May It Please Your Excell^y I have Search'd the Town Over Cannot Find Any Trimmings, There may be had about Two pounds of Scarlet Buff & blue Colour'd sewing Silk at £220 p^r lb. which is all I Can find the Buttons for Officers Cloathing are Making about Ten Gross will be Done this Week.

[This use of the word Imperial is not in the Oxford Dictionary]

I Received a Letter from Mr Randall who Informs me the Shalloons and Imperials I Took to Camp are Useless as they are Mostly blue and Brown which were the Colours I thought Most suitable for the Cloth Taken out, He Requests me to Solicit your Excellency for Permission to send out with the Next Supplies some White Shalloon

Mr Jona Hudson has a Quantity (about 600) Blankets they are Very thick and of a Good Quality but Sir Rather Small not more then Five Feet square his price is £125 pr piece Red Book No. 30

The Inclosed is an Invoice of the Bbles of Powder Delivered Mr Chase pr order There was not any Furniture Delivered with the Ten Four Pounders I have Bot 20 pair of Shoes a 50 Dollars pr pair to Supply the Imediate Want of the Recruits

Your Excellency will Please to Remember me and Send me up some Money to Enable me to pay off the Ballances due for the Teems that were Emplyd Taking Cloathing to Camp & for the Shoes and officers Buttons &c.

[John Green to the Governor and Council] March 29

Honourable Gentlemen Whereas John Cain Shipt with me on board the boat Dolphin January 25th In the State Servis and James Meradith on the 5th Day of Febry 1780 And the Commodore haveing Compleated his pay list up to the first Day of March with out my knowing anything of it he only will pay them from that Date up to the Day of their Discharge without your Order which they look to me for their Wages

[Joshua Stevenson to the Council] March 29

Gentlemen I have procured about Eight thousand Bushels of Wheat at twenty pounds pr Bushel & three hundred Barrels of flour at sixty pounds pr Hundred, & hundred and fifteen Bushels of Corn at ten pound pr Bushel, as to the praisers I Cal'd on Mr Edward Talbott & Mr Samuel Brittain to appraise wheat and then allow'd twenty pounds pr Bushel, and I seized fifteen hundred and forty two Bushels of wheat & two hundred Sixty & Eight Barrels of flour, Cal'd French property, but Orderd not to Remove it.

P. S. I have sent to the head of Elk one hundred and Seven Barrels of flour

[Rich'd Dorsey, Balto Town, to Thos. Sim Lee Esqr.] March 29 Red Book No. 26 Letter No. 40

Sir I should Esteem it a Peticular Favor If you'll give Capt. Hambleton and order for the Remainder of the Linnen allowd me by the State of Maryland I would not Have Troubled your Excelency but am Just a Going to Camp, and want to get it before I Leave Town

[Wm. Hemsley Anns. to the Council] Red Book No. 23 Letter No. 66 March 29 [The sale was made]

Gentlemen I will supply you with 200 bbs of sound Merchantable common flour at twenty Pounds p Ct and 12 Dollars for the bbll or if you choose superfine Flour instead of common, it shall be made

Red Book No. 23 of that quality, you taking the Middlings which come out of that flour at the same price. The Flour & middlings to be delivered at Emersons Warehouse clear of any Expense. Shou'd the Flour remain any time in the warehouse, the State must pay the Actual Storage. As the Flour is yet to be manufactured, it shall be done with all possible Expedition and I have no doubts but it can be compleated in four weeks. I am Gentlemen with great respect y^r^ most obed^t^ Servt

March 30 Red Book No. 7 Letter No. 31 [Sam Huntington, President, Philadelphia to His Excy, the Govr (Lee) of Maryland]

(Circular) Sir Your Excellency will receive herewith enclosed an Act of Congress of the 18th Instant calling upon the several States to bring in the Continental Currency by monthly taxes or otherwise as shall best suit their respective Circumstances in Proportion to the Quotas assigned to each State by the resolution of the 7th of October 1779 and making provision for other Bills to be issued in Lieu thereof under the regulations and restrictions mentioned in the Act.

This Act is the result of much Labour and Deliberation as the happiest Expedient that could be adopted to extricate these States from the Embarrassment of a fluctuating Medium and at the same time in some Measure afford the necessary Means for supporting the ensuing Campaign.

You will readily perceive the Importance of this Measure and the indispensible necessity of unanimity in the States in conforming thereto.

It is requested that there may be no Delay in taking this Act under Consideration and that the Assembly if not sitting may be convened as soon as possible for that Purpose and that the Laws that may be enacted in pursuance thereof be transmitted to Congress without Delay.

The new Bills will be struck under the Direction of the Treasury Board and sent to the several States in due Proportion.

You have also enclosed an Act of Congress of this Day recommending the revision of such Laws as may have been passed making the Continental Bills a Tender in Discharge of Debts &c.

I have the honour to be with every Sentiment of Esteem & respect your Exc^ys^ hb^le^ serv^t^

March 31 Red Book No. 23 Letter No. 75 [Joseph Chapline, Henry Schnebely & Henry Shryock, Washington Coty Hagerstown to Gov Lee]

May It Please Your Excellency We have made but small progress purchasing as yet which in a Great Measure may be attributed to the want of Cash but we are still Picking up some small quantities and

shall Continue so to do till further orders from you we have purchased five hundred & fifty four bushels of wheat five hundred & forty Two bushels of Corn three Hundred & thirty Two bushels of Rie & thirty seven barrels of Flour which is all we have purchased but if it was possible to furnish us with money we Could still purchase with less Trouble for the people are unwilling to take the Certificates & should we Continue to Purchase you must furnish us with some more Certificates. Red Book No. 23

[Henry Hollingsworth to Council] March 31

[Recommends the appointment of Richard Ellis, "an honest man and a good mathematian," as surveyor for Cecil County.]

[Geo. Hamilton, Recruiting for the 5th Mary'd Reg't, Baltimore Town to Gov. Lee.] April 1

Sir I wrote to your Excellency sometime ago in order to be informed, what should be done to Cloath the recruits that I have inlisted to which recd no answer I have now come down this far on that Business & should be glad to hear by the return of Serjt Morriss what Course I am to take that the recruits may be forwarded to Camp with the greatest dispatch; there is a quantity of Cloth in Town but none ready made up nor is their any orders for its being done.

[Benja Douglass, Charles County, to Gov Lee] April 1

Sir Inclosed you have an Account of the quantity of Grain taken by me with the prices given, in the upper part of the County which is all ready in granerys on Potomack River, and at two landings Pomonkey and Chickamuxon this is all the grain that I could procure, as for flour there is none in the County I believe, I can inform you of no provisions purchased in the County since December last except about two hundred and fifty Bushells Corn which was purchased by Mr Wm Lyles, in the upper part of this County and is now in the Granery at Pomonkey I dont know of any provisions that has been sent of the Army from this county, nor indeed do I know when there will as it is out of my power or either of the other Commissioners to get a Vessell to send it away.

[Sam'l & Robt Purviance, Baltimore, to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esqr] April 4

Sir We have agreeable to Order delivered to Capt Berry 17 Outside Jackets & 6 Linen Coattes, being all the Remains of the Slops delivered to Captn Nicholson for the use of the Conqueror Galley, which were delivered to Us by that Gentleman to take care of & which we shoud have sent down long since had it not escaped Memory. Inclosed is a Copy of an Acct left with us by Captn Nicholson for such of the Slops as were used by him whilst in the Command

April 4 of the Galley, with the Value of which he has Credited the State, as will appear by a proven Account which he left in our Hands, and which shall be renderd as soon as it may be in the power of one of us to go to Annapolis, which expect to do shortly.

We know nothing of any Baggs or Water Casks got by Capt. Nicholson.

Rec^d from the Chester Galley the 17 March 1779, the following Slops. 5 Under Jacketts 26 Outside d° 10 Shirts 2 pair Trowsers 30 pair Shoes

Sold the Ships Comp^y the follow^g Slops being part of the above

4 Under Jacketts	@£3.	£12..
16 Outside d°	4..10	72..
5 Linen Coatees	4..10	22..10..
9 Shirts	4..10	40..10..
2 pair Trowsers	12/6	1.. 5..
26 pair Shoes	@ 30/	39.. 0..0
		£187.. 5..0

Deliver'd Capt John Nicholson for the use of the 2^d Cruize as ꝑ Receipt I Under Jacket 10 Outside d° 29 Linen Coatees 1 Shirt 4 pair Shoes

Now remaining & delivered Mr R. Purviance by order Capt John Nicholson 17 Outside Jackets & Six Linen Coatees in one Bagg

April 4 [Nathaniel B'll Magruder To his Excellency Thom^s S. Lee Esqr Governor]

Sir The Bearer (Alex^r Austin a new Recruit) waits on your Excellency with this informing you that I have only as yet Recruited three men for the Service, those who had a Drum & Fife has made a much better hand. I am still soliciting all those who are likely to go, but they do not like the thoughts of going against the Savages.

[Jno. Murren, Jno. Sewall] As there is only two of my men comes, hope your Excellency will order Cloathing for them & the other one who is yet with me. I have long expected an Ensigns Commission but have not yet received any should therefore be glad your Excell^y would please to forward it

April 5 [Jona. Hudson, Balto., to Gov. Lee.]

Dear Sir I Rec^d your favour by Mr Hammond & have since Seen Capt. Keyport who says he will take the Blankets at the price I quoted viz £125 ꝑ^r piece If you are agreed, at any Rate I will not take less for them & If you approve of the price you will please send the money up by the person he sends down, you will Excuse me for being

so abrupt in Asking the money but you must know the times Require it. the Blankets are Twil'd thick & fine & as Good as I ever see being what Occurs April 5

[Eph. Blaine C. G. P. Philad[a] to His Excellency Gov Lee] April 5

Congress having call'd on the respective States to procure their Quoto of Supplies for the support of our Army and as I have ever experienced the most ready Disposition in your Predecessor, Self and Council to render every possible Assistance for the support of the Army, and indeed their present Existence is in a great measure owing to the Exertions of your State and Iersey.

As I shall continue at the head of the Commissaries Department and wish Active Men to be appointed to execute the Purchases in the sundry States I take the Liberty of pointing out an easy Method to procure the Supplies demanded from your State. The Head of Elk, Baltimore, George Town and Frederick Town are pointed out as proper Places for Magazines and will be continued, also Fort Frederick while prisoners are kept there.

The Commissioners of Elk & Baltimore ought to have a joint Appointment, then there will be no Contrast in their purchases, and they will have it in their power to command all the Supplies on the Eastern Shore & that part of the Western Shore contigeous to the Bay. George Town and that part of your State adjoining the Potomack another District, Frederick County to Supply Frederick Town Magazine and Washington County the Prisoners at Fort Fred[k]

M[r] Ewing has done my Business at the Head of Elk, M[r] Buchanan at Baltimore, M[r] Richardson George Town, M[r] Murdoch Frederick Town and Col. Rawlings at Fort Frederick, they are well acquainted with the Business and I have ever found those Gentlemen attentive to execute my Orders with Care and Fidelity, and if they are disposed to continue and Your Excellency & Council think proper to Appoint them I am confident you will find them, faithful & capable of furnishing the Supplies and fully answering your Expectations and the Public. M[r] Calhoon, M[r] Rodgers and M[r] Spear of Baltimore have made Application to superintend the Purchases of that district, they are all attentive good Men, your Excellency & Council will Appoint which of them you think proper, provided M[r] Buchanan declines serving. I shall be happy in giving you any Information respecting Supplies.

[Geo P. Keeports, Baltimore, to Gov. Lee] April 5 Red Book No. 30 Letter No. 24 (Liber C C No. 22 p. 84)

May It Please Your Excellency I Just Received your Favour of the 3rd by M[r] Hammond with £10,000. I have Inclos'd the order you had Sent me on the Collector; M[r] Farmer will Give himself the Trouble to bring me up what Money Your Excellency May Think Proper to send.

Red Book No. 30

Mr Hudson has Answer'd your Letter Concerning the Blankets he says he will not Take Less then £125 pr peice he is sorry he has Allow'd them so Low he says he wou'd not Take That If he did not Expect Prompt Payment for Any Number you Take.

I have Bot upwards of 200 pair Good Country made Shoes, and Cou'd in a Short Time Purchase a Quantity if Wanting at 50 Dollars pr pair

There is not any Shalloon in Town Suitable for Lining Officers Cloathing to be had or Any Other kind of Trimings Except Silk and a Few Pound of thread @ £60 to 70 £ pr lb.

There is Twenty Peices White Shalloon Remaining on Hand of that Purchased of Dorsey & Hammond Suitable for Lining Officers Cloaths

Brown Book No. 7 Letter No. 32 April 5

[Luzerne Philadelphia to Gov Lee]

Monsieur. J'ai recu dans le tems la lettre que Votre Excellence m'a fait l'honneur de m'ecrire le 18 Fevr. Sr. J'ai desiré de n'avoir à y repondre que par des remerciemens touchant le succès des peines que Vous avés prises pour faire reformer ce qui J'etoit passé dans la saisie de nos grains et farines et c'est cette raison qui m'a empêche de Vous repondre plutôt. Je Vous prie d'être intimement persuadé que malgré l'importance de l'affaire dont il s'agissoit elle n'etoit pas de nature à elever dans mon esprit le doute le plus leger touchant les dispositions patriotiques du Maryland et son attachment à l'alliance. Il en a donné des preuves trop solennes pour que ces faits particuliers puissent y apporter la moindre attraction et je ne les a attributés qu'à une précipitation occasionnée par un motif, même, d'attachment à la cause de l'independance M. le Col. Platter ne m'a pas laissé ignorer dans le tems la situation de Votre Excellence et l'impossibilité où Vous etiés de reprimer des mesures dont Vous sentiez cependant tous les inconveniens. J'ai vû avec une très grande satisfaction que l'Assemblée générale Vous avoit investi des pouvoirs necessaires pour terminer toutes les difficultes qui pourroient desormais s'elever. Nous ne pouvions desirer de voir cette Affaire en des mains plus justes et plus amies et je desormais parfaitement rassuré à cet regard Malgré les inconveniens qui ont accompagné la suite de cette Affaire j'ai ressenti un plaiser bien veritable des nouvelles occasions qu'elle Vous a fournier Monsieur, et aux different personnes chargeés de l'administration conjointement avec Vous de developer Vos sentimens et Votre zele pour nos interêts. M. Platter en particulier m'a montré autant de satisfaction de l'avoir heureusement consommé qu'il avoit eu de peine lorsqu'il a été instruct des difficultés qui s'etoient elever. Je partage bien sincerement les sentimens de ce digne Citoyen.

J'ai l'honneur d'être avec un respecteux attachement, Monsieur de Votre Excellence très humble et très obeissant serviteur.

[W. Bordley Chester Town Kent Co^ty to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esqr] April 6

Sir I rec^d yours of the 25th March, and agreeable to request, have taken the earliest opportunity of informing you, relating to the recruiting service in our Country, as far as I can get intelligence. Mr John Moor & Abraham Falconar are the only officers appointed to recruit here as I am told. the former I saw the other day, who I believe has done all that was in his power to perpetuate the purpose of his commission but as yet without success; the latter I have not seen, but have it from good authority that he would not act and intended to return his commission; Ensign Sears has enlisted three men & passed them before me, two of them to serve during the war, the other for the term of three years. I am very certain that none others are passed in this County except it has been done within a few days past at the upper part of it.

[J. Carvil Hall to Gov Lee] April 6

Sir Lieut Adam Hoops is entitled to a Capt: Lieutenancy vacated by the resignation of Mr Cromwell the 15th of Decemb: 1779

Mr John Randal was recommended last summer for a first Lieutenancy I know not whether he was approved of. He informs me he will resign his appointment of State Agent this spring if you think proper I hope he will receive an appointment in the 4th Reg^t James Clark has served four Companies with me. I think he would make a good officer & I am much in want. I beg leave to recommend him for Ensigncy

I shall go to Camp within these few Days if these recommendations are approved of, I beg you would be pleased to give the necessary orders that I may take them to Philad^a & receive the Commissions.

I have been told the State has made provision for Soldiers wives & children. I have several whose services entitle & whose merits claim every benefit allowed them but I know not how it is to be procured

[Thomas Clagett, Prince George's County, To The Honble the Comittee of the House of Delegates appointed to enquire into the Execution of the Act of Assembly entitled "An Act for the immediate supply of Flower and other Provisions for the Army Annapolis] April 6 Red Book No. 23 Letter No. 84

Gentlemen The exceeding Short Crop which the lower part of this County afforded last Season, made it impossible for me to Collect those Articles for the Army which I was Authorized to do under the late Act of Assembly. Many of the Inhabitants are in great distress from the want of both Forage and Bread. I have only

Red Book No. 23 procured 115 Bushells Indian Corn at Twenty dollars ꝑ Bushell which I propose sending forward to the Head of Elk by the first Craft that calls at our Landing for the Provisions that are Collected here by Mr Richardson the late Commissary of Purchases in this department.

April 7 [Jona. Hudson, Balt., to Gov. Lee.]

Dear Sir I have been applyd too by Monsuer Barthy Terrasson who is Just going to embark in the Palace Victecais? for Cadeze, this Gentl Informs me, he thinks that he could procure money on Loan in Spain for this State shd they incline to Borrow & has desired me to Inform you of his Expectations & that he wd be glad to Execute this Business Shd it take place, this Gentn is well Acquainted in Spain, is of a Good family in France, & has Remained in this Countrey for two years past as a Respectable Merchant, he means that this money might be Borrow'd from Individuals on Interest payable at a Certain time after the War, the Palace will sail by Wensday Next therefore If any thing is done in this matter it must be before that time Mr Terrasson wd be glad of an accot If the State wants any Herrings & will tell me what they will give pr Barrel I will put up for them, at my Plantation at the Head of the Bay, you must find Salt & Barrels & I the Remainder I don't know the time or wd mention them & perhaps you may have made contracts of this kind, salt is got very dear & few will be put up on private acct being what occurs

N.B. I have 300 Barrels on hand wch Cost over £10 ps & 350 Bushs Salt you may have the former at Cost & the Latter at £50 ꝑr Bushl provided you give an order to expect up the Herrings for year J. H.

April 7 [Abraham Faw, Frederick Town to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esquire]

Sir. I have this Day Receiv'd Eight Regimental Coats, and two Pieces of Cloth to be made up herefor Capt Michael Bayer into Vestcoats Breeches & Overhalls of Mr Keeports, who mentions the sending up Cloth for Sixty Suits by the first Oppertunity: he Also Desires I would send him Down a Number of Hatts and that they are much wanting, I advis'd you by Colo Stricker that I had an Offer of 200 in Mr Allister's Town @ 30 Dollars, which Price I cannot Get them at in Frederick, but for the want of money I Can do nothing in that way, at Present I have advanc'd some and Bought some on Credit for which I am Daily Press'd by Reason of the Depreciation of the Money: to Remedy which I Requested an Order on Mr Christr Edelin our Collector for what money you think Proper I should Expend, it falls hard on me to Continue Advancing Money at this Time. Please Advise me if you think fit that I should Issue a Pair of

Cloth Breeches, and Overhalls to one man at this season of the year, I have Agreed with Taylors to make the Cloathing at Seventy Dollars, the suit, should be Glad to Hear what they are made at in Other Parts of the State. April 7

[John Thompson, Queen Ann's County to Gov Lee] April 7 Red Book No. 30 Letter No. 25

Gent. I this Instant rec^d a Letter from the Clk of your Committee wherein you Desire to know the Quantity of flour & ^ca by the Act for the Immediate Supply of Flour and other Provisions for the Army. Flour there is none in my District Except One Hundred and forty Eight B^lls purchased by the French Agent, which I am Directed by the Governour and Council to Detain until further Orders

I have got into John Rawlings's Mill at the Head of Chester Two thousand four hundred Eighty Nine Bushells and one peck of Wheat Manufacturing into Flour, of which One Hundred and Sixteen Barrels is sent forward by the way of Duck Creek, and fifty Barrels in the Mill ready to go, on the return of the Waggons.

I expect to get about six Hundred Bushells of Wheat more into the Mill, and shall do all I possably Can to hasten the Manufacturing of the Whole. Had it not been for the Inclemency of the Season and the Difficulty of procuring Barrels to put the Flour in I think I cou'd nearly have had the Whole sent forward by this time. I have sent on three Hundred and Seventy Bushells of Corn and fifty five Bushells of Rye, And have about four hundred Bush^ls of Corn Collected ready to send on as soon as I can procure a Vessel. The Price of Wheat is Twenty Pounds p^r Bushell Corn ten pounds ꝑ Bushell and Rye ten pounds p^r Bush^l

[Joseph Marbury to Gen. Smallwood] April 7 Brown Book 5 Nos. 68, 70, 72

[Recommends Edward Hamilton for a commission.] (On April 15, he wrote to Col. Forrest to the same effect and Hamilton was also recommended by Francis Ware to Smallwood upon April 13).

[Josias Carvil Hall to Gov. Lee] April 7 Brown Book 5 No. 97

[Recommends ——— Rutledge for a commission.]

[Van Swearingen Commissioner to Gov. Lee] April 8

A Return of Wheat Rye and Corn Purchased by Van Swearingen one of the Commissioners for Fred^k County Agreeable to the Act of Assembly for s^d Purpose 61 Bushel wheat £15, 50½ Bushel wheat £19 73¾ Bush^l Rye £12..10 4 D° Rye £15 1230 Bush^l Corn £9..10 40 Bush^l Corn £10 Total of Wheat Rye & Corn 11½ 77¾ 1270

[Joseph Dashiell, Worcester County, to Gov. Lee] April 10 Red Book No. 26 Letter No. 38

Sir I Rec^d a letter from the Council of the 28 Ult. relitive to Recrutes Ras'd in this County

Red Book No. 26 In answer I am to Inform you that Only Twelve have bin pased in this County.

A Muster Role of Which I have Inclosed. I was in hopes I should have had Instructions from you relitive to Shipping Corn from Senepuxent to the Armey, our Stores will soon be full.

April 11 Red Book No. 30 Letter No. 23 (See Liber C C p. 81)

[Geo. P. Keeports Baltimore to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esqr]

May It Please your Excell^y Since my Letter of the 29th I Received Your Excell^ys Favour of the 27th Ins^t with an Order for Six thousand pounds on the Colector of the Tax I Call'd on him for the money and he Informs me that he will not have it in his Power to pay that Sum in Less then three Weeks.

I am in the Greatest Need of money Imediately to pay the Ballances due the Waggoners who are A Continual Plague to me and for Purchasing shoes which may be Bought Cheaper then they Can be made for here

There is not been any Alteration with the Military Stores under my Care Since my Return of July 1779.

April 11 Red Book No. 18 Letter No. 152

[Richd Ellis, Bohemia, Cecil County to Gov Lee]

Sir My Hastey departure from Annapolis, caused me to omit applying to your Excellency for those Instructions that are necessary for me, in the execution of my Office; there are some Difficult circumstances in the Surveyors business through its Various branches, in which I am not able to Act in every Case, with Impunity. I know that under the former Constitution there were Instructions carefully handed to the Several Surveyors of Counties, but whether such instructions will ans. under the Present Constitution I am not a Judge. However Your Excellencies & Council's instructions and directions under the Present times, shall be the invariable Rule of my conduct, with which, I humbly request you would take the earlyest opportunity of furnishing me by the Post, to be left at Elk, if none other more favourable opportunity offers.

April 11

[Richard Curson, Baltimore, to Gov Lee]

[The Irish linen had been sold to Philadelphia. Will give notice, if other goods come]

April 12

[Chas Pettit A. D. M. G^l Extract of a Circular letter]

The settlement of all the accounts of the Quarter Master's department is a work of absolute necessity independant of these circumstances, which however afford additional reasons for urging it the more speedily, I must therefore beg you will not fail to furnish me

with yours as soon as you can in which I would wish you to charge in one article the amount of the debts you owe in your public capacity at the same time transmitting, on a Separate paper, a list of the particular sums which compose that article and the names of the persons to whom they are respectively due. Red Book No. 18

I should also be glad to be informed, how many of them are ascertained by the printed certificates lately sent to you, and could wish they were all on that footing as well for our own convenience as because I am persuaded it would be beneficial to the creditors and the most probable road to obtain payment for them.

[W. Smith, Baltimore, to Gov. Lee] April 13

Sir I am now to acknowledge receipt of your Excellencys Letter dated the 5th Instant inclosing a permit for Loading the Schooner Baltimore & the Resolve of the general Assembly respecting the flour to be delivered the french Agent. The Naval officer has also informed me he has received your instructions for permiting the Bread & flour, requested, to be exported to Virginia.

As soon as I have it in my power you shall be duly informed of the Amount of my purchase for the Marine of France. I have pressd all those persons employed by me in that Business to deliver in their accounts as speedily as possible. I am directed by the Honble the Board of Admiralty to take charge of & sell the continental Stores at this place. they inform that 6½ of 12 pounders were lent to this State & employed on board the gallies. I am directed to apply for those guns. Your Excellency will therefore please to give orders for the delivery of them, at this place.

I am quite Satisfied with the explanation of your letter dated the 17th of Janry As I supposed the french Agent was in possession of a Coppy of that letter, & that he might be induced, from some expressions therein contain'd to believe, I had done some unjustifiable acts, as well to his Prejudice as to the public, I only wish'd to satisfy him on that head.

As to public clamours & groundless insinuations which have been industriously propogated to my prejudice, by low, designing men, I despise; a little time will shew the falsity of the many reports circulated respecting this Transaction; at the same time I confess I wish to remove any impressions that may have been made to my prejudice from the worthy part of the community, and will readily own I felt uneasy under what I thought reflected on my conduct in the extract of your letter refer'd to.

I am always ready to give the general Assembly every information in my power on this Subject when required

April 13 [Henry Hooper, Dorset Co'ty, to Gov. Lee]

Sir I begg Leave to inform your Excellency of a Vacancy of a Lt Colonel in the Upper Battalion of militia of this County occasioned by the Death of Col^{o} Joseph Ennalls. Major Joseph Richardson of that Battalion has a Right, being next in Command, to fill up this Vacancy by being appointed Lt Colonel, which will occasion the appointment to a Major to succeed him. I do not know who is the oldest Captain in that Battalion, the Feild officers inform me that Messrs Daffen & Smoot are the two eldest Captains and I believe it would be agreeable to them, if your Excellency should be pleased to appoint one of those Gentlemen Major of their Battalion

April 13 [David Poe, Baltimore, to Gov. Lee]

Sir I received your Excellencies favour of the 10th Instant Directing me to send some Pork to your City I am sorry that I am not able to comply with your orders as there is not one Barrel of Publick Pork at this place I applied to the Comasary of Issues as I understood he had some beef he give me to Know that the whole in his Possession did not exceed one hundred Barrels, And as there is not a Comasary of Purchas at this place to provide more he thought it much less than what would be wanting at this post. However if you should think proper to order him to deliver me what is necessary I will send it down Spedily. The cash I received on your order is nearly expended and as I have information that there will be shortly at this place a number of Horses belonging to the Army Least I should be short in Forage I beg that you would send me an order on the Commissioners of this County that I may receive a supply of Corn Bran and shorts if need require from them. A general order would answer best as I could have some from both the Town & Country. Please if Convenient to send an answer with the Bearer

April 14 [Peregrine Tilghman, Talbot County to Gov Lee]

Sir Yours of the 24th last month to the Commiss^{rs} of this County I received on tuesday last, below you have a return of the Q^{ty} of Flour Wheat & Corn taken into my possession as a Commissioner, As near as I am able to make it out, having some bb^{ls} of Flour left in the Mill & several small Parcels of Wheat which is yet unmmeasured. I have forwarded about 600 bb^{l} of Flour 1569 Bushells of Wheat and 500 Bushells of Indian Corn & expect in ten days or a fortnight more to send off the residue, and shall then make a return of the exact qt^{y} and be prepared with Receipts for the whole when ever called on.

Return of Flour, Corn & Wheat 650 Barrells of Flour @ £70 ꝑ C^{t} 500 Bushells of Indian Corn @ £10 ꝑ Bush^{l} 2063 Bushells of Wheat at £20 ꝑ Bushell Flour & Wheat Valued by Mr John Bracco Corn having been sold with us at £10 I offered that price which was taken

[Geo P. Keeports, Baltimore to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esqr.] April 14 Red Book No. 30 Letter No. 27

May It Please Your Excellency I have Taken one Hundred Blankets from Mr Hudson at his Price of £125 pr peice he is Determined not to Take Less for the Remainder but says he will Wait any Reasonable Time for the Payment if not Convenient at Present.

Mr Eavans who Engaged to make the Officers Buttons has Raised his Price says he cannot Continue making for Less then Coat Buttons at £22..10 and Jacket Buttons for £18 pr Dozen

Mr John Dorsey has a Parcel of Baizes which he has promised to Give you an Offer of

If there is any Osnaburgs Wanting for Overalls for Soldiers There may be about 500 yds had here at 17 Dollars pr yd

I have Bot upwards of Eighty Pair of Neat Made Calf Skin Shoes Very suitable for Officers. May the Officers that are on the Recruiting Draw Shoes for their own Wear

[John Page Com'r Kent Co., Swan Creek to Gov. Lee] April 15

[Encloses account of flour and wheat purchased.]

[John Gibson Jr. Presidt Treasury to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esqr] April 15 Red Book No. 7 Letter No. 184

Sir We inclose you a State of the Tax Account of Maryland to which we beg your Attention; we shall be careful to confine our Reports for Warrants to the exact Amount, and as large sums are due from the United States to the Inhabitants of the State, shall as far as possible appropriate the Continental Taxes thereof within the same, which we suppose will be both more convenient and more agreeable. Cases may occur in which this Rule cannot be adhered to but they will not be more frequent than is absolutely necessary.

The Drafts lately made, and those now making, are intended to discharge as far as practicable, Debts, now owing from the Public, as well as to keep the supplies from failing in the Interim till the State Purchases take effect. The Resolution of Congress of the 18 of March ult will shew reason of including the Taxes of January and February 1780

I have the Honor to be By order of the Board Your Excellencys Most obedient and very humble Servt

[William Smallwood, Charles County, to Governor Lee] April 15 Brown Book No. 2 Letter No. 36

Sir This will be addressed by Serjeant MacLain, who has inlisted four fine Fellows for Soldiers all Natives, who he carries up to Annapolis to get cloathed & to obtain Blankets if possible for himself and them, complaining he has been obliged to give four Dollars pr

Brown Book No. 2 night for lodging for each oftentimes for want of Blankets, you will therefore be so obliging to order their Cloathing and by all means Blankets if to be had, as they will be very essential for the Recruits. You will also please order the Serjeant to be dispatched as soon as possible, as there is a prospect of his enlisting more men, for which purpose it wou'd be necessary to order him a further supply of Money, with which he may be trusted.

The inclosed Letter from Col° Gunby sets forth Facts which if just calls for Redress, or at least such Attention and Orders as may correct similar Abuses in future or anticipate like complaints of Partiality if found to be unjust, indeed if your Cloathing Act does not limit the Cloathier or place a correcting Power in the commanding Officer the distributions will frequently be complained of.

I had some thoughts of waiting on you and the General Assembly but it being slack in convening & my stay here being limited deprives me of the Pleasure

I am with great Regard & Esteem Your Most obed^t & very H^ble Servt

April 15 [Eph Blaine C. G. P. Philada to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esqr.]

Sir There is a Quantity of Rum belonging to the Public (& which is much wanting) in your City, it has been represented to the Commercial Committee that the person with whom it is in charge makes a very unreasonable demand for Storeage, & therefore beg your Excellency & Council, to order the Rum on board one of your State Vessells or any other that will deliver it to the Commissary at the Head of Elk, as I intend for Annapolis in a few weeks, will settle the Freight & pay the Gentlem^n who has the Demand for Storage the valuation of any two Gentlemen.

April 15 [I. Taylor, Saint Marys to Gov Lee]

Gentlemen Under noted you have an Acc^t of the Indian Corn (have no other kind of Provisions) by me taken as a Commissioner under the Act of the General Assembly for the immediate Supply of Flour &c. Six hundred bushells I seized as engrossed corn, in January last, It lay along time on board the Vessell in the Ice, that when it was taken out thirty four bushells proved rotten and of no Value, this being the case, I insisted on the Person from whom I had taken it to pay a moiety of the damage, which he agreed to, the money for that part shall give the State Credit for in account for my Commission.

The remaining part of the Six hundred bushells, I stored with Col° Vernon Hebb No particular agreement being made relative to the Price. I told him he should receive what was Customary for storing. When I sent a Craft for the Corn she got only five hundred

forty four bushells & half, so that their was twenty one bushells & half short measure. The damaged Corn in the Vessell and the short measure diminishes the quantity of 844½ to 789 bushells, which is on its passage to the Head of Elk, at 30/ per bushell freight, high as it is was the best terms I could get. April 15

600 bushells seized at £ 8.0.0 perr bus[l]
71½ d° appraised by Hugh Hopewell } at 8.0.0
173 d° bought
———
844½
34 damaged
———
810½
21½ short measure
———
789 ship'd for Elk

[Alex Somervel, Calvert County to Mr. Archibald Golder Clk Committee &c, Annapolis] April 17

Sir A Letter from you, to Mes[rs] Gray, Somervell & Chase was some time past put into my hands, relative to the Collection of Flour &c. for the army; I have only to inform the Committee, that about the first of February last I wrote to the Governour & Council letting them know, that there was neither Flour, Wheat or Rye to be got in this County as I could hear of. I also Inform'd them that I could get some Indian corn and requested them to furnish me with linnen to make Baggs to contain about 20 or 30 Bushels for the more Speedy collection (the roads then being excessive bad) and also desired their Instructions. The above Letter was Carried to Annapolis By M[r] James Morsel our late Sheriff and I having never receiv'd any Answer, Concluded that Corn was not wanting and therefore have Collected none.

[W[m] Whitely Caroline County to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esqr] April 17

Your Excellency & Honours. Agreable to your request of the 28th March I have Called on the Several Field Officers of this County for lists of the men passed by them, and it is with regrett that I inform you, that there is not One recruit inlisted in this County.

[William Smallwood, Portobacco to Goveror Lee] April 18 Brown Book No. 2 Letter No. 34

Sir This will be addressed by M[r] Edward Hamilton who is desirous of entering into the Army provided he can obtain an Ensigns Commission. The young Gentlemen is a Stranger to me but I

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know his Family to be reputable and his Brother has served under my Command ever since 1776 and is a good Officer from which circumstances and the inclosed Recommendations I am induced to think if there shou'd be any Vacancies in our Line he would be proper to fill one of them. he does not wish nor can it be desired that his Appointment should interfere with the Rank of such Serjeants and others who have applied & have been recommended before and who may be thought worthy of commissions if therefore you should judge it expedient to recommend him for an Appointment to the Board of War I believe he wou'd fill it with Propriety & he wou'd wish to be appointed in the 1st 3d or 7th Regiments if there should be a vacancy in either of those.

April 18 Brown Book No. 5 Letter No. 66

[John Sears, Ens. 2d Regt. Cecil County to His Excellency Govr Lee]

Sir The Order that your Excellency granted In Council on the Collector of Kent County for four Thousand Dollars I have Recvd and I believe for the Time that I have had the Publick Money in my hands I have had as good success as an Officer in the Line which was not till The Last of March which I have all Expended in the Recruiting Service I should have Come Down myself and brought my Accts with me but Colo Thompson Advised me not but to write to your Excellency to let know my Success. You Told me Sir that if my Prospect was Good which I think is to let you know and you would send me a fresh Supply of Cash now if your Excellency sees Proper that I should Continue Recruiting any longer Please to let me know by the Post, if not I am Very my Accts and March To Camp with what men I have got.

I wait your Orders Sir which I shall Obey with Pleasure.

April 19

[Timothy Pickering by order of the Board War Office to Colo Hollingsworth]

Sir We are Just informed that the troops destined for Reinforcing the Southern Army are march'd, and will be at Trenton this Night, this inteligence (totally contrary to that we had received yesterday, on which our letter to you was grounded) obliges us to desire that you would retain all the Craft in your power at the Head of Elk ready to receive the Troops, and collect as many more as will be sufficient, in the whole to transport about two thousand men, we doubt not your Exertions on this occasion, to accomplish a business of so much Importance in due Season

N. B it will also be necessary that you provide waggons to carry the baggage and Stores of the Troops across from Christiana to the Head of Elk. Your return provision waggons can doubtless Assist in this transportation

[H. Hollingsworth D. Q. M. Gl. Head of Elk Report of Flour Wheat Corn &c^a Received at this Port in the Month of April 1780, and forward on to the Armey] April 20

1069 Barrells flour, exclusive of about 100 Barrells belonging to the French Agent.

1146½	Bushells corn	received	from P. Tilghman Talbot County
1871½	Bushells corn	d°	from R^d Dallam Harford County
2300½	Bushells corn	d°	from Dashiel & Wise, Worcester
260	Bushells corn	d°	from Cox & Co., Cecil County
685	Bushells corn	d°	from Isaac Grist, Balto. Town
1386	Bushells corn	d°	from Edward Wright, Queen Anns
564	Bushells corn	d°	from Charles Blake, Queen Anns
7090	Bushells Corn	d°	from Col° Wm Finnie, Virginia
295	Bushells Oats	d°	from Edward Wright, Queen Anns
463	Bushells Oats	d°	from Colo. Christian, Virginia
500	Bushells Oats	d°	Cash
475	Bushells Rye	d°	Isaac Grist, Balto. Town
71	Bushells Rye	d°	Edward Wright, Queen Anns
1398	Bushells Wheat	d°	Robert Waters Ditto
168½	Bushells ditto	d°	John Page Kent County
1308	Bushells ditto	d°	Samuel Thomas Talbot County
742	Bushells ditto	d°	R^d Dallam Harford
757	Bushells ditto	d°	Charles Blake Queens Anns
1053	Bushells ditto	d°	Commissioners Talbot County
797	Bushells ditto	d°	Tilghman & Blake Talbot & Queen Anns
796½	Bushells ditto	d°	ditto Kent County
1069	Barrell flour	Forwarded	to Christianna
2525	Bushells Corn	do.	
1258	Bushells Oats	Issued	at this Port
9957	Bushells Wheat	sent	to the neighboring Mills
546	Bushells Rye	ditto	ditto

[Sam Huntington, President, Philadelphia to His Excy the Govr (Lee) of Maryland] April 20 Red Book No. 7 Letter No. 33

Sir By the Act of Congress of the 15th Instant herewith enclosed you will be informed that any State shall have Credit in their Account with the United States for such Clothing as they may furnish to the Officers of the Hospital, and medical Staff agreeable to the Act. With perfect respect & Esteem I have the Honor to be your Excelly's h'ble Servant.

[Ben Stoddert Secry, War Office to His Excellency Thos. Sim Lee Esqr] April 21 Red Book No. 7 Letter No. 211

Sir We have the honor to inclose to your Excellency, the extract of a letter from the Commander in Chief relative to the March of

Red Book No. 7 the Troops now on their way to the Southward. It was expected that the whole Maryland Line, the Delaware Regiment, a Regiment of Artillery, & the Infantry of Major Lee's corps would have embarked at the Head of Elk & proceeded by water as far as Petersburgh in Virginia; But as this will depend upon the operations of the Enemy in Chesapeak, it is not improbable that they may proceed all the way by Land, in which case they will necessarily be greatly indebted to the Executive of your State to expedite their march towards Petersburg. Should the Troops not go down the Chesapeak, we are aware of much difficulty on account of Waggons, with which they can be but very partially supplied here; the residue to enable them to prosecute their march from Petersburg being to be furnished in Virginia, and collected at that place agreeably to orders already given, from a full expectation that the navigation of the Bay, would not be interrupted.

It gives us pain that the Continental embarrassments, arising from the want of money, obliges us so often to trouble the Executives of the States; but without their aid in emergencies depending on the various events of war, the most fatal delays & distresses will ensue. And it is with real Satisfaction, grounded on the chearful & constant exertions of the State of Maryland, we can assure ourselves that nothing practicable which the public necessities may require, will be omitted by your Excellency, & the honble Council on the present occasion.

We have the honor to be with the highest respect y^r^ Excellency's most obed^t^ Most Humble Servt by ord

April 21 [H. Hollingsworth D. Q. M. Gl. Head of Elk to the Council]

Gentlemen Inclosed is a Report of the Flour Wheat Rye, Corn Oats & C^a^ Received at this post in this Month, as well from the several State Commissioners, as from the State of Virginia and sent on to Christeen on its way to Philad^a^ Camp & C^t^ the flour is all sent forward the Forage is not so forward. Occasioned by the want of Baggs which I am not at present able to purchase for want of Cash, we are the more in want of Baggs, as one of the Continental Brigades of ten teams with about 200 Baggs has been in Queen Anns and Talbot Counties Collecting Grain for this State, since the 10th of March. I have applied to my principles in Office, for Cash to puchase Bags in Lew of those and am put off with a desire to apply to this State not only for this but all other expenses accruing by the procuring Manufacturing and forwarding the supplies of this State (while within the State) as also for Casks and Nails for the flour, your Excellencys and Honors, will observe by the letters, which the bearer Mr Wright has with him that the Millers are continually applying to me for those articles which I have heretofore supply'd them with in part and also paid them for Waggoning the State Wheat, to

the Mills, but on settling my accounts with the Quarter Master General up to the tenth of March (which I did very lately) those expences are Objected to, as being out of the Department and belonging to this State, I must therefore beg the favour, of your Excellency & Honors that I may be Instructed and strengthn'd so as to be able to forward this Service, so far my Credit has supported it, but it will become Feeble in a short time if not supported, Certificates will neither pay for Nails, Waggonage or Casks, three Essential articles manufacturing and forwarding Wheat and Flower I am this moment served with the Inclos'd Express, from the Board of War, tho' I received a Letter Yesterday from that Honble Board (directly contrary) as I have not Vessells sufficient for this service here, have sent Express to George Town Newtown and Baltimore for the Craft of those Places, and all others that may be there. I must Rely on your Excellency and Honors, for your support and Assistance, and also to keep look out Boats down the Bay, as there is no doubt, but the Enemy know of this Minuver, and may attempt to Circumvent it, pray send me some Cash, and the Accounts against this State shall come down as soon as in my power, but at present I am much thronged April 21

[Edmund Jennings, Brussels, to Gov. Lee]

April 22 Red Book No. 29 Letter No. 3

Sir Having just received a Letter from a Friend, that informs me, that the State of Maryland has done me the Honour to nominate me, among other Gentlemen, as a proper person, Subject to the Choice of his Excellency Mr Franklin, to sell their Stock now standing in the English Funds, & transmit the same; I take the Liberty of addressing myself to your Excellency, to assure you, I receive this mark of my native Countries Confidence in the most sensible manner. Nothing can give me an higher Pleasure then to find my warm wishes & poor Endeavours, to serve the Common Interest meet with a public approbation. if I wanted any thing to Stimulate me to the Discharge of my Duty, & inspire me with a fresh love to my Country, & to the Cause of Liberty & Virtue, this Testimony from these, who are actuated by those great Principles would be a Sufficient motive. I know not whether his Excellency Mr Franklin will not find a more proper person among the other Gentlemen, nominated to Him for his Choice, than I am; but still my sense of the Honor done me by the State of my Native Country, & of the obliging Intentions of my particular acquaintance & Friends will ever make me bear in my Memory this mark of approbation in the most grateful manner

By this opportunity you will receive from many the particular State of Europe at this Juncture which is so favorable to the Common Cause as can be wished the neighboring unprincipled Island is brought to the lowest Condition rent & torn within by religious & civil Distractions caused by its malicious Attempt against the United

Red Book No. 29 States she seems at present disposed to acknowledge our Independancy but she will probably do it in the same insidious manner by which she has hitherto conducted Herself & in doing so plunge into fresh Difficulties. However if she is sincerely disposed to Acknowledge the Independancy of the United States (that great stumbling block which her madness & folly have raised) this Groundwork of a general Peace will be laid and we may be once more quiet & happy; for this purpose America cou'd not have trusted the public Interest in better hands than those of his Excellency Mr Adams, no man that I have seen, having a sincerer & truer Love to his Country. I am Confident He will pursue the Common Interest of the Alliance on which the Common Strength & Happiness depends

I mention'd to you Sir, that your Excellency would have perticular details by the Gentlemen, who come over by this opportunity, of the State of Europe if I was to draw a general outline thereof, it wou'd be as follows. The King of G. B. with a corruptd majority in the House of Commons the same in the House of Lords, two or three wicked ministers & a Jacobite favorite, stands agst the Power of France, Spain his declared & avowed Enemies. He insults Holland, Sweden, Denmark, the Empire of Russia & Turkey, who are ready to Confederate against Him as a violater of the Law of Nature, personally dispis'd by the King of Prussia, and Chargd with Ingratitude As Elector of Hanover by his Liege Lord, the Emperor of Germany all Europe wishes to see Him abased his own Subjects at Home distrustful of Him, & declaring that his Influence ought to be diminishd & those who were once his Subjects & that too most cordially & obediently so, now holding Him in Horror & opposing his Malice in the bravest & most successful manner. Surely this man must be humbled the Independancy of America will do it, & this all the insulted Powers of Europe see & I doubt not will either openly or secretly promote, for what was Ever their natural Interest to do, the Insolence of the Court of London has made a political Duty

I Have the Honour to be Sir Your Excellencys Most Ob^t H^ble Servt

P. S. I should be Happy to Execute your Excellencys Command in Europe, if you think proper to entrust me therewith be pleased to direct to the care of Monsieur Joshua Johnson negociant á Nantes

April 20 Brown Book No. 5 Letter No. 71

[Jos. Marbury Capt. 3^d Regt, Portobacco]

Return of Cloathing wanting for Recruits

7 Jackets	2 Shirts	25 Hats
7 Breeches	3 Stockings	10 Blankets
25 Overalls	30 Shoes	

I have 30 Men at this place 25 of which are Recruits

[W. Smith, Baltimore, to His Excellency, Thomas Sim Lee; In Council] April 22

Sir I have chartered the Brigantine Ranger Thomas Johnson master to carry provisions for the fleet & Army of his most Christian Majesty in the West Indies. She mounts Ten four pounders and is prized for fourteen & carrys thirty men. As I intend she shall Sail in C° with & as Convoy for those Vessells for w^h I made Application yesterday, the present serves to Request you'll be so obliging as to send me a permission for this Brig. to receive her Cargo on Board

[Thos Richardson, Georgetown to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esqr] April 23

Sir By yesterdays Post I rec^d a letter from Col° Biddle dated Morris Town 13th Ins^t advising that the Maryland Division were under orders to march to the Southward, he expected they would move on the 15th their Rout is by Baltimore, Snowdens, Georgetown, Alexandria &c. requesting me to assist them with Forage as far as was consisttent with the Laws of the State. I apprehend this makes it necessary that I should inform you that there is some Forage in the Magazine here but I apprehend not so much as the Troops will require & request you would consider whether it would not be proper that the Commissioners of this County who have plenty should be directed to supply the Issuing Forage Master here during the present March, provided he has Occasion of their Assistance

I beg leave further to Suggest that the Troops might be benefited by orders being given to the different Commissioners on the Rout they are to march to supply them with Forage, as there are few or no Continental Forage Masters on the Western Shore. I hope the foregoing will not be thought impertinent but if it should I beg it may be imputed to the desire I have to comply with the Requisitions of my Friend & my Zeal for the Publick Service.

[William Smallwood, Portobacco, to Governor Lee] April 23 Brown Book No. 2 Letter No. 42

Sir I wrote you the other day by Mr Hamilton that I had received Advice from the Board of War that the Maryland Division was on the March for Carolina since which I have received no Intelligence respecting them. their route was then announced to be from Trentown by water to Christeen thence to the head of Elk where they were to embark for Petersborough in Virginia if you shoud have any Intelligence of their Arrival at the head of Elk, observe or hear of their passing Annapolis I shoud be much obliged to you for the earliest intimation thereof as it wou'd enable me to form a Iudgment when and where it would be most eligible to fall in with them. I have received no Instruction from General Washington relative to the

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rendezvous of such Officers and Parties as may be on Furlough & the Recruiting Service tho it is essential they should be drawn to a point and ordered to hold themselves in readiness to March or embark for Petersborough to join their respective Corps the latter wou'd be most eligible as they may have Baggage not to be conveyed on the March provided Vessels can be Procured. Altho their rendezvous seems essential I cannot with Propriety order before I receive the Generals Commands respecting it which I daily look for I think it wou'd contribute much to the Ease and Dispatch of the Troops to order the rendezvous of those under the above Descriptions at Annapolis and this place as might be most convenient to their respective situations where if Vessels could be ordered the Transportation of them and their Baggage woud be attended with less Expence and difficulty than might otherwise be incurred by the Obstructions which might occur on their March if you shoud approve of this Measure you will be so obliging to give the necessary Order for Vessels to be provided if to be had and advise me thereof it also woud be necessary to provide at these Costs as speedy as possible a Stock of Hats Blankets Overals and Shoes Shirts I am well assured will also be wanting a full Supply of any of these species is not to be expected from the Board of War and Cloathier General those Ordered for this place might come round in the Vessels or be sent otherwise as you might judge most expedient

Inclosed is a return of Cloathing wanted for the Men at this place

Red Book No. 30 Letter No. 13 April 24 (See Liber C C No. 22 p. 90)

[Geo. P. Keeports Baltimore to Gov Lee.]

May It Please your Excellency I Received your Letter of the 19th Ins^t and Since made Purchases as p^r the Inclosed Memorandum It was with the Greatest Dificulty I made the Purchases of the Oznaburghs and Shoes without Paying the Ready Money Down and Could not without Promising Payment by To morrow or Wednesday Evening It was with the Greatest Perswasion I got the Blankets of Mr Hudson without Setting a Certain day within Six for Payment.

There may be About 800 yards More Oznaburghs had at 19 Dollars p^r yard and some More Shoes on Paying the Ready Money Down I am Now making out Returns of the Cloth &c. under my care.

Mr John Leapold who will Wait on your Excellency with this Letter will be a Very Safe Person to bring up the Sum to Enable me to Discharge the Debts I Contracted for the State as p^r the Inclosed Memorandom

April 24 Red Book No. 7 Letter No. 35

[Sam Huntington, Philadelphia In Congress to His Excellency the Governor & the Legislature]

(Circular) It is the Duty of Congress to be as full and explicit in their Requisitions as the public Exigencies are great and pressing,

And they are confident that the Citizens of these States are not more desirous to be informed of their Affairs than they are ready and willing to afford the most vigorous assistance. It is unnecessary to mention our Embarrassments, they are known to you; to the means of relieving them we wish your Attention. Red Book No. 7

The whole of the Monies due on the Quotas of Taxes to the first of March last are become of immediate and indispensible Necessity. Numerous Debts have accumulated on the Public Departments and Justice requires they should be forthwith discharged. Large Sums are also requisite for the Purposes of Transportation and to continue the Purchases of Supplies for the Army until the states are prepared to furnish them. On these Quotas Draughts are now making and must continue to be made to the whole amount; nor can a Doubt be admitted of their being punctually answered. If any State should be unprepared, if the Collections are incomplete, not a Moment is to lost. Delay will be Disappointment and may involve Consequences too interesting, too fatal to be hazarded. Should the public Opportunity through Languor and Inattention be retarded and Stopped, should those Exertions which have hitherto rendered this contest conspicuous to the World, be intermitted, The fairest Prospects and most promising occasion may be irretrievably lost. Urge therefore the instant Execution of every Measure which has been adopted, and the speedy adoption of such as yet remain to be taken.

The specifick Supplies required by the Resolutions of the 25th of February last will forthwith become Matter of equal Urgency and Importance. These must be relied on in future as the principal, not to say the only resource from which the Army is to be supported, From the obvious propriety of adopting the Mode there described as best suited to the Case and Convenience of the respective States, As Making a just Apportionment of the Burthens of the War, and as necessary for correcting Abuses in the Expenditure of Public Money, Congress have received the fullest Confidence that the Measure will be approved and successful and by seasonably and amply providing for the Army enable them to act and cooperate as Circumstances may require with Vigour and Decision through the ensuing Campaign.

The Resources of our Country even after a five years obstinate and wasting war are still abundant, and in Articles the most essential scarcely impaired. The Spirit of the People is free to produce them, all that is wanting is an established Medium of Negotiation to be applied in effecting it. Such we are firmly Persuaded will be secured by a proper Attention to the Resolution of the 18th of March last, from which as the Object is not confined to the Purchase of public Supplies only, but extends to the various Transactions of the Community the most extensive Benefit may be justly expected.

The Crisis calls for Exertion, much is to be done in a little Time, and every Motive that can stimulate the mind of Man presents itself

Red Book No. 7 to view. No Period has occurred in this long and glorious Struggle in which Indecision could be so destructive, and on the other Hand no Conjuncture has been more favorable to great and deciding Efforts

We detain you no longer than to mention the Necessity of early and frequent Communications on the Subjects of this Address, and remind you how much they contribute on all Occasions to the Success of Arrangements for the Public Safety.

April 25 [H. Hollingsworth, D Q M Gl. Elk to Governor Sim Lee]

Dear Sir Just now Rec^d Express from Head Quarters acquainting that the troops intended this way, to Reinforce the Southern Army, was augmented by a thousand men, so that they will consist of three thousand effective men. I have not Vessels for that number, must therefore rely on your Excellency for your assistance in sending some from Baltimore and Annapolis, and also to keep look out Boats below. the Van of the Troops are this day arrived hear, I have twelve Vessels and no more if I cant get enough in time shall crowd the Vessles and order them to call on Annapolis

Excuse haste and the Smallness of my Letter tis wrote on Board the Vessel

April 26 [Alex'r Clagett, Hagars Town, to Gov. Lee.]

Sir Your letter of the 24th Feb^ry inclosing a pardon for Thos Taylor a prisoner then in my Custody I received, and agreeable to the orders therein Contained I delivered said Taylor to Captn Smith of the 6th Maryland Reg^t who says he shall be at Annapolis before he returns to Camp & will no doubt inform you what he has done with the Bounty.

April 27 (See Liber C C No. 22 p. 93) [Thos Richardson, Georgetown to His Excellency Thomas Sym Lee Esqr]

Sir I have rec^d your fav^r of 25th Instant, notwithstanding the Troops are to go by Water from the Head of Elk. I apprehend the Horses will be sent round by this place, this would have been the case last Winter had not the navigation been stop'd, they will therefore require as much Forage as if the whole division came by Land,

April 27 [H. Hollingsworth D. Q. M. Gl. Head of Elk to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee in Council]

Gentlemen Having taken the Liberty to write your Excellency and Honours the 25th acquainting of the arrival of the Maryland division at this Place on their way to join the Southern army I am now to inform you that the whole are arrived here except the Field

Officers and Commandant who I expect this day & am sorry to say we have neither vessells or provision (of the meat kind) at this post sufficient for their daily consumption much less for their embarkation) yesterday I was apply'd to from Wilmington by the Commissary there acquainting that the Artillery was there on their way to this place and could not proceed for want of Provisions of the flesh kind. I cou'd not send them any as we have not three days provisions of that kind here. I have apply'd to Mr Ewing late Commissary who assures me he has none but a small Quantity at Mr Jno Pages Commissioner of Kent County, (which seems to be in dispute) I have sent a Vessell this morning to Mr Page requesting the Provisions on any terms not doubting but the State will pay him for such part as is not already paid for and flatter myself of its coming. In the mean time am obliged to send out and procure fresh Shad for the whole Troops this will do a day or two yet. (but not longer) I must therefore beg the favor of your Excellency and Honors to take Immediate order in it & direct as you may think Necessary. I have not half Vessells enough and shall want at least 200 Barrells Pork and Beef but if part cou'd be had, the other might meet them on their way down the Bay shall want a quantity of Pork for the Artillery and put the Baggage which go by Land, by way of Harford Baltimore and Alexandria to Petersburgh, as I am order'd to see them through this State by the Board of War and Q. M. Gl and am also order'd by the Navy Board to have a quantity (24 pieces) of Cannon haul'd from Mr Hughes Furness to Baltimore and to see them forwarded to Philadelphia suppose it may not be amiss to furnish me with orders for the Commissioners of Baltimore, Washington &ca Counties to serve my order with Forage, as it will take at least 24 Waggons for this Service and they cant take Forage from here, nor have I money to buy it, your particulars orders in this as in all other the matters related of, will much oblige Gentlemen Your Most Obedt Hum. Servant April 27

[John Stull, Washington County to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee] April 28

Sir I ake the Liberty to Inform you that Thomas Taylor a Greable to your Reprive Did inList in the Service of the United States has since Deserted with Two others Stole three horses they are a Gain apprehended and now in our Gaol I wd be Glad your Excelency wd Take order with said Tayler as he is an Extraordinary felow and prehaps Get a way

[Joseph Chapline, Hagerstown, to Gov. Lee] Red Book No. 23 Letter No. 71 April 28

May It Please Your Excelency: We have Received orders from the Committee To Transmitt an account of the purchases made by us immediately to them & as there Clark who has omitted his name

Red Book No. 23 we are at a Loss to no who to direct to & we have therefore thought it most advisable to Transmitt them to your Excellency & accordingly have inclosed & directed them to you, we allso wrote to you some time ago & mentioned the quantity of the Different kinds of provision we had purchased but we apprehend the letter has never Come to hand as there is nothing mentioned of it to us by the Committee.

April 28 (See Liber C C No. 22 p. 79)

[J. Randall, Philadelphia to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esqr]

Sir Your letter of the 23d of March I receiv'd a few days before the Troops left the Hutts I endeavour'd to dispose of the Mix'd Cloths & Shalloons, but could not effect it. they will be sold at Vendue on Tuesday next and will Purchase white Cloth with the Money, I fear the sale will not enable me to get the trimings necessary for them

I shall be detain'd four or five days, drawing the Cloathing assignd our Troops by the Clothier General for the Campaign. I am happy to inform your Excellency I shall get every thing Return'd for, except fifteen hundred shirts and five hundred Blankets, those we hope to get from the State. The Returns made Include Cloathing for five hundred and fifty Recruits expected to join the Division in Maryland

April 29

[David Poe, Baltimore, to Governor Lee.]

Sir Agreeable to your Orders I have Sent by Capt Price Twenty five Bbls Beef all that Can be spared from this Post as there was some Sent to the Head of Elk. Also Twenty five Ditto Pork Purchased since I wrote to you last. We shall be in Want of Provisions in A few days here Unless there be a Comasary of Purchase Appointed.

May 1

[John Sterrett, Baltimore, to Council]

[Asks order for Mrs. Chamier's effects to be sent from New York to Virginia, in a vessel which is to be sent as a flag to New York, in accordance with permission given some time ago.]

May 1 Red Book No. 18 Letter No. 137

[Richard Potts to Council]

[Asks pass for his brother to go to New York with Mrs Chamier]

May 1 (See Liber C C No. 22 p. 95)

[I. Griest, Baltimore Town to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee]

Sir I Red yours of 27th Instant on Saturday Evening with the Warant Inclosd & yesterd securd a number of Vessels but Chiefly Loaded but am Getting them Dischargd as fast as Possable, if should have flour Wheat Corn &c on bord I must seze it as the Law is Still in force, which will set the People Stark mad, should be Glad we ware Stopd from sezing supplyes in town if you should think it best and I should be Glad to Know your Pleasure in the Matter.

I stand Recognzd to Apear at the Gen[l] Court on acc[t] of the Corn Which Belong'd to this State that I sold & have since Settled the acc[ts] with M[r] Turner, When I was Down with the Late Govn[r] & Council & Laid the Whole matter before them your Honour was one of the Council at same time When the Govn[r] in Council told me I need not Concern myself any more About it for that if they Did not Stop the Action you would, & sent a Letter by me to M[r] James Calhoun Which I Deliverd, but it apears the action is not Stop[d] I shall be Glad to Know if I must Come Down to Court & be Run to Expeces for Doing Good to the Publick I am so huried about the Vessels have not time to say more at Present. M[r] Lemmon Knows how the Afair who is the Bearer Excuse Hast

Red Book No. 18

[Geo. P. Keeports Baltimore to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee, Esqr]

Red Book No. 30 Letter No. 10 May 1

May It Please Your Excellency Inclosed is an Invoice of the Cloths put on board M[r] Middletons Boat I have Retained Nothing but a Few Peices of Coarse brown Shalloon and Three peices Light Colour'd Coarse broad Cloth and the coarse Cloth for Soldiers I have sent Twelve Bolts of Oznaburghs which may Perhaps be made up in Overalls at Annapolis, as I Find a Great Dificulty to get work Done Here without Giving a Very High price Did not think the Canteens worth Sending as they are made of Ceader Wood & Very Slight

[Js. Carvil Hall Baltimore Town to His Excelly Thos. Lee Esqr]

May 2 Red Book No. 28 Letter No. 26

Sir I have taken the Liberty to inclose you a List of Soldiers confined here with their respective Crimes. The Horses stolen are recovered & I believe the most of the Goods. If left here after trial they will be discharged & there is little probability of their ever joining their Regiments again. If there is no impropriety in the Measure & your Excellency should think with me that their Punishment as Examples will be less useful than their Services as Soldiers you will oblige me by giving such orders as will enable me to march them to their Regiments.

[René Buisson, Philadelphia, "A son Excelance Le Gouverneur du Mary Land A Napolise."]

May 3 Brown Book No. 7 Letter No. 8

Monsieur. Suplie tres humblement René Buisson capitaine du navire La felicite du Caylle St. Louis, actuelement amarré au Caije de Baltimore pret a partire pour france a Lhonneur de vous Repressantir Monsieur qu'il est partie du Caylle pour sé Randre yl y avec un navire harmé de 16 Cannon de 6 # De Balle et hautres menue harmes pour Sa Deffance ayant une Commission Enguaire et quand Consequance D'une harmement ausy Considerable et En faveur de La Dit Commission yl auroit Engagée soisantes et dix hommes pour

Brown Book No. 7 faire son dit voyages dans Cette partie du monde et del y Retourne En france sous Les hauspices de ses forces et que pour Cette Effect yl aurat suivre tontes Les formallitie prescrit par L'hordonnonce De Sa Majesté En Engagent son Equipage pour Le Dit voyage, Les ayants fait passer La Revue sous un Commissaire appointée par Sa Majestie et leur ayant donné des sallaire Considerable pour Entre prandre Le Dt Voyage à Raisson de Six pond-argent Dure par mois et que mon nobstant toutes des Belles avantages yl Sheere,(?) avoit acordée à chacqun des privilege Considerable dans le Dessin de se Les Conserver, que malgrée toutes ces Belles avantages et meme Largent quil Sheere(?) avaucoit tout Les jours Les Dit Matelots ne sessoit de luy Desserter et se par La Sohcitation de plussieurs Capt. ameriquain que les Envoyoit Dans Les villes voisenne pour Les Embarquer Clandestinement et quil y avoit des dit matelots a napolis.

Le suplyant vous prie Monsieur Dautaurisser son officer a Les prandre et a Les faire, arretter Comme frause(?) a moy et a ma solde affin quil puisint finire Le voyage quil Sont oublige a faire par Leur Engagement.

Comme cecy ne Regarde point Les Ettats Aunie yl espere qui vous permetré au Dit officier de faire husage De vos Recorps et Concetable pour pouvoire metre a la Raison Les plus mutin.

Jeme Reclame a vous Monsieur au noms du Roy mon maitre que prie touts harmées & alliée De Donner Secours a ceux De Ses fugette qui ce trouve dans La Dure necesitée De avoir Recours a Sheeire(?) hautauritee Le suplyant ne Sessera Da Dresser Des veuxs au Cielle pour la Conservation Des Ettats Aunie et La prosperritté de ses harmes.

May 3 Red Book No. 29 Letter No. 20

[J. Gunby, Head of Elk to Govr Lee]

I think it my duty to inform you that the first Brigade of Maryland troops will embark to-morrow forenoon. I am directed to call at Annapolis on my way down, where I expect to receive further orders, and Intelligence that you may have respecting the troops on this expedition, I should be extreamly happy in receiving & wish it as timely as possible.

May 4 Brown Book No. 1 Letter No. 32 (See Liber C C No. 22 p. 87)

[Geo Washington Head QRs Morris Town to His Excell'y T. S. Lee Esqr. Govr &c]

Sir On the 2d Instant I received the Honor of Your Excellency's Letter of the 8th Ulto and also one from the Board of War on the same subject. The information the Council had received, of particular States having made exchanges of prisoners taken by them for Officers belonging to their line, as well founded. It has been done in several instances, tho' without any interference in the business

on my part, and therefore I could not but direct the Commissary of Prisioners on Your Excellency's Application and the Board of War's opinion that it was also warranted by a late Act of Congress respecting Prisoners in the like predicament, to propose to the Enemy the Exchange of Lt Col^{o} Ramsay for Lt Col^{o} Conolly. For my own part I have wished to see the Exchanges of prisoners conducted on the broadest & most general footing, in the order of their captivity, as being the most equitable mode, and that all taken from the Enemy whether by the United or Individual States, should be considered as one, common Stock, for the common relief of Ours according to this Rule. This has been the case with respect to the Prisoners made by the Army in every instance of exchanges under my direction; but the system having not entirely prevailed, Maryland has certainly the same right to benefit her Officers by those of her own capture, that other States had. And the indulgence has not been exercised in any instance in favor of a more deserving Officer than Col^{o} Ramsay. He set out for New York yesterday and would carry with him the proposition for his release. Brown Book No. 1

I have the Honor to be with great respect & esteem Y^{r} Excellency's Most Obed^{t} Servant

[H. Hollingsworth, Head of Elk, to Gov. Lee in Council] May 4

Gentlemen Your several letters of the 29th April 1st & 2nd May came duly to hand by the first, I received your orders on the Commissioners of Baltimore & Washington Counties for Forage, 30 Bb^{ls} Pork & ten Thousand pounds by Mr Wormsley, and by the other 30 B^{bls} beef and pork Captn Price.

have communicated them to Col^{o} Gunby Commandant who is Indefatigable in forwarding the service and writes your Honors on the occasion, as the first Division is not yet embarked (tho' I expect it this day) I cant say how many Vessells may be yet wanted but from the number already obtained suppose we have near enough, and as I mean to urge that the second division should follow the first as soon as possible suppose it may be proper to stop the Impressing Vessells, as there appears to be enough already impressed if they were all forward, and if they should not come forward in time we shall send the Troops down to them by those we have. I would have your Excellency and Honors take no further Trouble about the Provision for this division as we have enough for the present movement but fear Salt provisions will be wanted for the Northern Army. Wheat and flour seem to be pretty plenty. My orders are from Genl Guest to order on the 2^{d} Division as soon as the first are embarked which shall be strictly observed. Col^{o} Gunby writes you regarding the Signals and Troops

May 4 [Ja. Hutchings to Gov. Lee]

Sir Upon my Sloop being impressed the other Day, I wrote to The hon^{ble} Jerimiah Chase Esqr informing him, that my Sloop was not in Condition to proceed down the Bay, and that I must beg the Indulgence of your Excell^{cy} and the Council for a few Days to put her into better Condition, if your Excell^{cy} and the Council insisted upon her going into the Service. I have since put her into a better State, by having her caulked, and I now send her over for the direction of your Excell^{cy} if she can be of any use to or in the Service. But I fear she will be found too shallow and too small for the Service. My Sloop was going up the Bay, but the Fleet coming down, she proceeds to Annapolis, to receive Your Excell^{ys} Orders

I having received no answer from Mr Chase, I fear my Letter miscarried. I thank your Excellency and the Council for letting my Sloop return Home with the Hay

May 5 Red Book No. 30 Letter No. 8 [George Rankin to Council]

[Offers to sign currency.]

May 5 Red Book No. 30 Letter No. 9 [Geo P. Keeports, Baltimore, to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esqr]

May It Please Your Excellency I Yesterday Took the Liberty of Giving Mr Jonathan Hudson a Draft on you in part for the Blankets Bo^{t} of him For Two Thousand Pounds At Sight and this Day have Given him another Draft for Thirty Thousand Pounds without Setting and Time for Payment. I Hope your Excellency will Excuse my Freedom as I have no other way of Getting Rid of A Continental Dun

May 5 [Jona. Hudson, Balt., to Gov. Lee]

Dear Sir The Bearer hereof Mr Peter Blake will present an order to you from Mr Keyport in my favour for thirty thousand Pounds this Curr^{y} wch you will oblige me much to pay as quick as Possible. Mr Blake has come Express from Virg^{a} for this Money in Order to pay for a Vessel I have bo^{t} part of the money is already paid wch I shall forfeit If the whole is not p^{d} by a certain day, & Mr Keypot gives me every assurance that I sh^{d} have the money for the Blankets the beginning of this Week, under these circumstances I hope I need say no more to Urge you to pay this Bill

May 6 [J. Randall, Head of Elk to His Exc'y Thomas Sim Lee]

Sir Since writing to your Excellency the 28th April, I have dispos'd of the Mix'd Cloth & Shalloon and have purchas'd white sufficient for fifty three Vests & Breeches which was all I could get

in Philadelphia, this is little more than half the quantity wanted I expect to leave this Place To Morrow with a quantity of Soldiers Cloathing drawn in Philad[a] we still want fifteen hundred shirts and five hundred Blankets to compleat the Troops, Including five hundred and fifty Recruits. I had orders on the Clothier General for the whole wanted but it Could not be Comply'd with, it will be needless to trouble you with particulars of the Sale, as I expect to be in Annap[s] in a few days. May 6

[J. Swan Baltimore to His Excell'y Thomas Sim Lee Esqr] May 6

Since I had the Honor of being with Your Excellency in Council I have laid Your proposals before the Owners of the Brig Porgey who agree to Keep Her in readiness ten or Twelve days (which I informed them would be Sufficient to get an Answer from New York) to take on board the Cargoe upon the terms propos'd them, the Plank will be a very troublesome article to procure and put on board and will without the Assistance of a number of hands take up almost the whole of the time allow'd for the loading, even after It is collected to one place which induces me to recommend to Your Excell[y] that it be immediately engaged and collected either to where the Vessell will take the other part of her Load on board or the mouth of some of the rivers on the Eastern shore that it may be put on board as the Vessell provids on her voyage

There is money in my Hands sufficient to procure the Plank and have it conveyed to the place You recommend it should be stored at, therefore request Your orders in the matter I have the Honor to be with much respect and Esteem Your Excellencys most Obedient very H[ble] Servant

[Stephen Steward to the Honl Gouvernor & Council] May 7

Honrobel Gentelmen I hear Inclose you a letter sent to me by Express from M[r] Defrancy you may Depend the frer Roderique is now In the Bay Prehaps up as High as the mouth of Petuxent that Ship will sertenly Clear the Bay of Priveteers I would have waited on you myself but am very unwell so hope you will Excuse me M[r] Manbos tels me the fleet is very short of Bread and flower says M[r] Defrancy told him to tell me to send him Down some If I could which I Cant Do without your permition it was a Great mistake In M[r] Manbos in not Giting a permition for more Bread and flower

[Holker, Philadelphia to Gov. Lee] May 8 Brown Book No. 8 Letter No. 34

Sir I had the honor of writing you several letters respecting the Seizure of his majesty's flour in the State of Maryland to which your Excellency has not yet condescended to answer: I shall only observe on this occasion that I am accountable for my transactions

Brown Book No. 8 to Monseigneur De Sartine His Majesty's minister in the Department of the Marine, and that it would be extreamly Satisfactory to be informed of the qualitys of the Wheat & flour seized by the State Commissioners so as I may compare the Same with the returns & accounts of Mr Wm Smith of Baltimore, and also whether any Embezzlements Grants & misdemeanors have been the consequence of that Gentleman's transactions for the King's Service.

Not receiving any answer from your Excellency I directed Mr Smith to transmit the resolve of Congress of the 11th March last relative to a Supply of 15000 Barrels of flour and to request from the Supreme executive Council a decisive answer thereon. Mr Smith informs that you have been pleased to direct the Commissioners of the Several Counties to restore to him the provisions seized, but that it is not in your power to fix the time of the delivery of the remainder of the flour alloted for the French by the State, & that you will endeavour to have it done as soon as possible.

Your Excellency & the Honorable the Council must be sensible, that the Supplies of fleets & armies, are of so great importance, that the persons to whom his Majesty's Service is Entrusted, cannot place sufficient dependance on such an answer; that plans or operations for the Execution whereof, the demands of 15000 Barrels of flour from your State have been made & granted by Congress, cannot take place, if assurances are not given that not only provisions can be obtained, but are actually delivered into the hands of my agent in your State. it is on this sole footing, that his majesty's commanders, can concert or Enter on the Execution of any naval operation whatever, it is therefore my duty to request, that Your Excellency and council, will please to inform, whether your Situation will permit you, to comply with the aforesaid resolve of Congress, or whether you'll permit Mr Wm Smith to continue his purchases to the amount of 15000 Barrels of flour, I supplying him, with the necessary means to prosecute the same forthwith, as your answer is of the utmost consequence, I hope, it will be attended with no unnecessary delay: I shall only add, that on application to the Governor and Council of this State, they have not hesitated to empower me to direct my Agent here, to purchase the provisions demanded by congress & to Employ to this purpose all the Means which I should deem most Effectual for the King's Service

May 8 Brown Book No. 3 Letter No. 17 [Mordecai Gist Annapolis to the Honble Josia Beall Esqr]

Sir The Resolves of the Honble The House of Delegates on the second reading of the Address of the Military Officers of the State has been communicated to the Maryland Division, who are truly sensible of the politeness of the House, and think themselves complimented by the very flattering Terms in which they are mentioned; but as the meaning of the Resolve is rather ambiguous, and the

Rights of Subjects serving in Military capacities left undefined it is the wish of the Gentlemen of the Line that the Hon^{bl} House will please to relieve them from their present State of suspense, by explicitly declaring whether they are considered as Aliens & Mercenaries, or entitled to the privileges of Free Citizens relying upon the justice of our claim to the latter, we beg leave to submit the matter to your farther consideration Brown Book No. 3

[Wm. Aisquith, Baltimore Town, To His Excellency Thos Simm Lee Esqr] May 8

Sir At the request of Mr George Letsinger, I have to Inform you, that some time in the first of April Last I apprehended two men, one by the name of Dickson the other John O'Neale on Suspicion of Robing John Jones of Philadelphia County in Pens^{a} of sundry Goods, it appeared to me that they were the persons that Committed the Robbery by an Advertisement of Mr Jones in the Pensilvania papers. they were both Examined by Mr George Londonburger one of the Magistrates of this County, for the feat aforesaid who Committed them on Suspicion, at the same time desired me to write to Mr Jones, and Acquaint him of the affair, which I accordingly did, and acquainted him that they could not be Long Confined in Jail on Suspicion only, and that he would come down as soon as possible, or write me an Answer whether the things taken with Dickson be his or not but have not received an answer, nor heard any thing further about it, and I dont believe Mr Jones will give himself the Trouble to come down for the Trifling things they have, that appeard to be his but whether they are or not cannot say. I am told that Dicksons real name is Kelly and wants to Inlist into the Service the Magistrate ses he cannot release either of them without your Excellencys sending up an order for that purpose before the next Special Court, theres nothing against Either the persons as I know of more then what I have said above, and should be Glad they could be released from Confinement.

Your Excellency will be pleased to Excuse my freedom in this Affair.

[James McFadon, Lieut Artillery, Baltimore to Gov Lee] May 8

May it Please Y^{r} Excellency. I applied to Mr Geo. Keeports who is appointed clothier for this State, who Informed me that I must have an Order from the Governor & Councill for the Cloathing which is allowed by the State, the Cloth I have rec^{d} from Mr Randle at Morris Town, would be much obliged to your Excellency to Let me have an order for the Linnen for Shirts & Trimmings for the Suit of Cloaths

May 9 [J. Randall Head of Elk to Capt Atkisson, Sloop Fly]

Sir You will Please to Proceed to Annapolis where I expect you will have to take on Board some Cloathing or Stores, for the Maryland Troops. You'll apply to the Governor and Council for Instructions should you arrive there before me

May 10 (See Liber C C No. 22 p. 100) [David Poe Baltimore to His Excellency Governor Lee]

Sir I received Your Excellencies favour of the 8th Instant the Order mentioned in the Letter on the Collector Was not Inclosed Owing I suppose to Multiplicity of Business on hand. Please to let Mr Farmer have it, who will contrive it to me. If Your Excellency should not have a speedy conveyance as I can do but Little untill it arives for Want of cash

May 10 [John Baxter, Baltimore to J. T. Chase]

[Regrets he can not send money but has had the accounts for collection for two weeks only. He will begin to collect them soon and hopes to bring in a tolerable good sum, He thinks he is not bound to pay over collections until July 1.]

May 11 [W. Smith, Baltimore, to His Excy. Thos. Sim Lee Esqr]

Sir I am directed to acknowledge receipt of a letter from the Council dated the 8th Instant sign'd J. T. Chase Prest addressd to the commissioners of Baltimore Town, inclosing a resolve of the general Assembly respecting a Loan of two hundred thousd pounds. On receipt of this letter the inhabitants were immediately convened, and the requisition laid before them. It appeared, unanimously, to be the wish & desire of every one present, to comply fully with the demand from the assembly, but the great scarcity of cash amongst the trading people here at present, has prevented their complying so fully as they wish'd to do, for so Laudable a purpose. Inclosed you have a list of the money now sent by your returned express amounting to £100,845..0..0 which is the whole that is yet collected you may I presume expect the further sum of Thirty or forty thousand pounds more, in a few days, you may rely on every thing being done to promote this business that possibly can.

You'll please to observe there is £593..13..4 hard money amongst that now sent, which the several subscribers agree to receive again either in Specie or continental at Sixty for one. Many persons have offerd to contribute on this occasion, provided they may be allow'd to pay in such kind of goods as may be necessary for the officers & Soldiers.

When the collections are compleated you shall be furnished with the list of the whole the present being imperfect. Many persons having only paid in part

[Dan'l Jenifer, Portobacco, to Gov. Lee] May 13

Sir I some time ago committed a certain Joseph Thompson and his Wife to the Jail of this county on Suspicion of their having Robbed Mr Thos Reeder of a silver Watch and a considerable sum of Money As the proof I believe will not be suff^t to convict them and Thompson wou'd make an Excellent Soldier and is willing to go as such. Therefor should be glad that your Excellency, and the Council wou'd take the matter into consideration & either grant a pardon or order a Nole ꝑ seqr which to your Excellency shall seem meet.

[Henry Dickinson Caroline County to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee] May 13 Red Book No. 26 Letter No. 54 (See Liber C C No. 22 p. 102)

Honourable Sir I received your favor of the 11 Instant by the Express, and am sorry to hear the State is in such great want of money. I have about forty thousand pounds in my hands, which I wish you had, but have been so Poorly for sometime Past that I am not able to Carry it to Annapolis, and you have not directed me to pay it to your express, nor indeed had I have Choose to have sent it by him, he had no way of Carrying it, as he had nothing to carry it in, and if he had, should have thought it imprudent to have sent it by a man who appears to me to be too fond of Spirits, unless a Perticular Order from you to that Purpose. if its in my Power to get any Person to day or to morrow that I can Trust will send it over to you, but should I not be able to get any Person, I hope you will send an Order for it. I suppose you expected I had a much Larger sum in my hands, but the late Sherriffs has paid of their Balances in Certificates, and there is only three Collectors has undertaken this Present Collection of five pounds, two of which has paid off in Certificates and the other I hear, has got Certificates Sufficient to pay his off so that I immagine I shall not receive much money, untill all the Certificates are brought in.

Your Letters sent by the Express for the Different Collectors will take care to forward & will endeavour to Compell immediate Payments from them all. but I shall not be able to compell Payments unless the Assembly will oblige the Commissioners of the Tax to return the Collectors Bonds to the General Court, instead of giving the Bonds to the Collectors themselves to return, which they take care not to doe. for on application to the Clark to put several of their Bonds in Suite for the last Payment, I found there was only three return'd for this Shore, and them Complied with. the Late Collector of Kent County has made me no Payments at all, nor have never seen nor heard from him and his Bond was not return'd, so that no Action has been brought

[Mordecai Gist, Baltimore, to His Excellency, Thomas Sim Lee Esqr ꝑ favor of Captain Dorsey] Brown Book No. 3 Letter No. 33 May 13

Dear Sir Captain Dorsey of the Maryland Artillery waits on you for a proportion of the Money rais'd in Baltimore for the Officers

Brown Book No. 3 of the Maryland Line. Nine Artillery Officers and four of Infantry, march with the Ordinance & Stores, who will be in immediate want of money to defray the expences of their march to Richmond, and can receive it by the hands of Captain Dorsey. I think it advisable to forward the residue to Richmond, to be delivered into the hands of the Regimental Pay Masters in proportion to the number of Officers, who will receive it from the hands of the Paymasters & become regularly charg'd therewith.

May 15 Red Book No. 26 Letter No. 152 [U Forrest Lt Colo Com'dr Annapolis to His Excellency Govr Lee]

Sir There are in this City between twenty and thirty Continental Soldiers who require the Assistance of a Physician about one half of this Number are ill of trifling complaints and will not I apprehend require much medicine or care to restore their Health; the Remainder, say about fourteen, are exceedingly Ill, will require fresh Provisions and Attentive Care. I have order'd the Continental Quarter Master at this Post (Mr Bullen) to Procure Comfortable Barracks and Accomodate them with wood, and must request that your Excellency will order to be deliver'd to him what Mattresses there are in the State Store, with a few blankets for such as are without, and sheets for those who may require them, exact returns of which I will have the Honor to hand in, so soon as they can be made out, I must also request that you furnish a sufficient sum of money to Procure fresh Provisions, Vegetables &c for those whose situation render Salt Flesh improper, and that your Excellency will be pleased to appoint some Physician to Attend them, Doctor Murray has hitherto done it to perfect Satisfaction, but I apprehend that Gentleman could afford and might be got to attend them on less expensive Terms.

May 13 [L. Williams to Auditor's Office, Colo. Uriah Forrest, Annapolis]

Col° I was at the Auditors office on Saturday last to settle my Account I find you have creditted me for the money paid you at Baltimore last Summer on my way to camp but have not given my acco^t credit for the Bounty Paid Zachariah Lyles. Benjamin . . . Edward . . . & John Alby which amounts to 800 Dollars a list of which I left with you at the same time. Perhaps Serg^t Parrot settled for the above men if he did his intentions are to wrong me. youl please to Acquaint my Brother (the Bearer of this) how the affair stands as he will have it settled in my absence

May 16 [Thomas Smith, Senepuxent to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esqr.]

Sir I lately arrive in this Port from the Island of Bermuda in a Sloop, laden with Salt and Molases for the use of the State of Maryland. I therefore pray your Excellency's and Council's permission

to take out to said Island, the quantity of twelve hundred Bushels of Indian Corn, twenty Barrels of Bread and Flour and twenty ditto of Pork. Should the State want either of said Articles, Mr Robert Dennis will barter the same for a quantity of Corn, which is in the Hands of Col^o Dashiel of Worcester County May 16

[David Smith, Cecil County to Council] May 17

[Desires to be admitted as attorney and, therefore, requests that he be not reappointed as Justice of the Peace.]

[H. Hollingsworth, Head of Elk, to the Council] May 17

Gentlemen The principle part of the troops having gone on to the Southard, gives me leisure to Examine a little into the State of the Wheat and flour at this post and its neighborhood (on State account) inclosed is an account of wheat and Flour received at this post since my last the greatest part of the Wheat is manufactured and now sending on at the time the second request was made to me for flour, by the Board of War being at George Town on Sassifras river, when I rec^d their request (which was very pressing) Immediately ordered a quantity of Flour, 60 odd Bb^ls then at George town to this place and from thence to the Army, this I did from the Urgencie of the case, as it was the most convenient to be forwarded since which a dispute has arose between Capt John Ward Veazy dep^ty French Agent, and the Commissioners of this county about the flour Captn Veazy says tis a purchase of his as French Agent the Commissioners say they had seized it, and it must be receited for to them. am sorry to trouble your Excellency and Honors with this matter but wish to know whither the flour thus sent on to the Army, must be replaced with other Flour (from here) supposing it to be bought for the French Agent as above if 'tis necessary it shall be replaced, if not shall receipt for, to whom it was recēd of. There is also large quantities of Ship Stuff in the Mills near this place made out of the State wheat, which I apprehend as the ensuing crop of wheat, is not so promising as could be wished for it would be of great use to the States to have Baked into Ship bread, and as there is two large Bake Ovens at this place entirely unoccupied (since the commencement of the War) submit it whether they might not be employ'd to advantage this State, as these Bake Houses are near the Landing where the wheat is all landed each miller could deliver these ship Stuff at the Bake House as the waggons come for wheat without any additional expence of waggonage. there is a number of the scippers and owners of the Vessells, which deliver the State wheat and Corn here that apply to me for their Freight and in several instances, the commissioners have requested me to pay the Freight, this I have not done for the two following reasons: the not having your orders for so doing, and not having Cash to do it with, as the Captains and owners

May 17 of the vessells seem much disappointed at not receiving their freight 'tis submitted where they ought to be paid here or not, as they all bring Bills of Lading of the quantity and quality of what they bring, and in many instances think it a hardship to return for their freight

P. S. Major Lees Light Infantry are Just now arrived here the Vessells & C^t^ are all ready for their Embarkation

May 18 [Probably "the crop," or some such phrase omitted after "bill"]

[Solomon Stympson, Mount^ry^ County to Gov Lee]

May it Please your Excellency I have sent by Mr Edward Jones the Duplicates of the Last Purchase made by me and as I imagine the Assembly is Raised by this time of course my commission is at an End and I think very Little more could be purchased in my Nighbourhood till made the whole amount of my Purchase is three Barrell flour Quantity 6.0.0 139 Bush^l^ wheat 345½ Bush^ls^ Rye and 3569 Bushells corn, the Orders I have Received on the Collectors and the Publick Acts is as below State by which the Ballance due to the people appears I find in Waggoning the corn that there is Loss in the Measure sometimes a half a Bush^l^ in a Load and also in Shelling where they have Measured in Ears. I want much to be Directed what way I shall Settle with the Waggoners for carrying the corn as they seem much against paying for the Loss in Measure and Also with those I employed to Shell for both Partys are Ready to Prove that they suffered no wilfull waste nor Suffer any Loss by Neglegence I do not Expect from what I have seen that the whole Loss will Exceed Eight Barrell or thereabout the Wheat I have got Ground and the Greatest part sent to Georgetown I have given the Brawn for Packing and Grinding what Barrells I have got is at £3 ꝑ Barrell there is a few more wanting and what Price they will be at is uncertain I do Expect to have the whole of my Purchass down in two weeks

[Brawn probably = bran]

State of Maryland D^r^

To Shilling 3569 Bush^l^ Corn at 12/ p^r^ Bus^l^		£2141.. 8..—
To 108 yds. Linnen for Baggs £7.10		810..—..—
To making the Baggs and finding thread		90..—..—
To Storage for corn Brought from the Islands		375..—..—
To Transporting 897½ Bush^ls^ from the Islands to the main @ 8/ p^r^ Bushells		359..—..—
		3775.. 8..—
Credites		
By his Excel^cys^ order on the Colector of the Tax of Mount^y^ County	£1500	
By the President of the Councell's Ditto	1000	
		2500
Ballance Exclusive of my Com^ns^		6275..8

[Sam Huntington, President, In Congress, Philadelphia to His Excellency Gov Lee]

May 19
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No. 7
Letter No. 37

(Circular) Sir Congress have received authentic information that his most Christian Majesty is preparing to send a powerful naval & land force to some part of the continent of North America. This force generously calculated either to produce a diversion in our favour, or to forward the operation of our arms by being directed to the same object, may either by our exertions be made the means of delivering our country in the course of the campaign from the ravages of war, or being rendered ineffectual thro' our supineness serve only to sully the reputation of our arms, to defeat the benevolent intention of our great ally & to disgrace our confederacy in the eyes of all Europe.

Every State that reflects upon the depreciation of the currency and their own deficiency in the payment of their taxes must necessarily conclude that the treasury is exhausted. The military departments are at a stand for want of money to put them in motion. Congress have no resources but in your spirit & virtue upon these they confidently rely. You know the value of the prize for which you contend, nor need you be informed how much you are interested in a speedy termination of this distressing & expensive war.

But as the smallest disappointment in the requisitions they make may be attended with most serious consequences, they have endeavoured to limit their demands as not to exceed your power to comply with them.

The sum for which you are called upon by the within resolution they flatter themselves you will furnish to the treasury by the fifteenth of June at farthest without neglecting to discharge the orders that have been drawn upon you for the whole of which you will receive credit on your account of taxes due on the first of March last.

As this money is absolutely necessary to put the army in motion independent of the purchase of provisions, we trust you will by no means remit your attention to the forwarding your quota of supplies, which the present exigency renders more requisite than ever.

It may not be improper to suggest to you, that if a strict and immediate collection of taxes shall be insufficient to procure the necessary sums within the time limited, it may perhaps be more speedily obtained by loans.

Congress for the greater dispatch have thought it expedient to appoint a committee to assist the commander in chief in drawing out supplies. As their powers will be inadequate to the purposes of their appointment, unless they shall derive their force from the States to whom they will be under the necessity of applying, They most earnestly request you if you should find it inconvenient to

Red Book No. 7 continue your sessions to lodge such powers in your executive or some part of your legislative body, as will enable them at this interesting period on the application of the committee to call forth the resources of your State.

Congress trusts that these requisitions will not appear unnecessary, when compared with the information on which they are grounded. In the importance of which they doubt not that you will find a sufficient apology for the demand, and the warmth with which they intreat you to carry these measures into immediate execution

May 19 [H. Hollingsworth D. Q. M. Gl, Head of Elk, to His Excellency, Thos. Sim Lee in Council]

Gentlemen The flour received of Capt Nutter is so much injur'd both in quantity, and quality, that I have thought it most Advisable to store it at this place, until your further orders are received on it, my Principle reason for this is, that as it is going to Philadelphia, or the army on State acco^t Experience has taught me, that (bad as it is) the State would not get Credit for its full worth, as the Casks are very bad. The flour both sour and musty, many of them near one third and some near one half out. this being the case it would be condem'd by the Commissarys spurn'd at by the Soldiers and most like let lay out & wasted & be entirely lost, and as I had taken the Liberty to write to your Excellency and Honors, regarding the Ship Stuff at the Mills, in this Neighbourhood, that it might be Baked to Advantage. I think it my duty now to recomm^d that this flour be mixed with the ship stuff and baked into hard bread, which will be useful for our fleet or Army, it will make the Bread much better or at least be better receiv'd, and be a saving to this State. I have therefore stored it here contiguous to the bake house untill your further orders, if 'tis thought best to send it on, it shall be done Immediately, if to bake it with the ship stuff. I can set the Ovens to work in a few days

May 19 Red Book No. 7 Letter No. 34 [Sam Huntington, President, Philadelphia, to His Excelly The Govr (Lee) of Maryland]

Sir I am directed to acquaint you that there being but one Delegate from Maryland attending at Congress that State is not represented.

That Matters of great Importance are now lying before Congress, which require the United Councils, and vigorous Exertions of all the States; and it earnestly requested that Maryland may be represented in Congress as soon as possible.

[Dan'l Bowley Baltimore, to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esqr] May 20

Sir In the Spring of 1778 There were several parcels of Goods on Public account arrived in this State addresst Mr William Lux Continental Agent. Among others which arrived at the Eastern Shore Inlets, were 2 Bales Buckrorms, 2 Tierces and one hhd Medicine markt as below which it seems never got to head Quarters

As these Goods were Carted up to Cambridge and from thence taken on board one of the Galleys (Capt. Matthews) to be forwarded to Elk, I am inclined to think some, if not all of those missing must have been received in the public Stores at Annapolis.

Doct^r Bond informed me some time ago that he saw a hh^d of medicine which answered the discription of one of the missing exactly. As the public are now in want and have sent the Bearer Doct^r Wilson down on purpose to search for them. Your Excellency will no doubt have Enquiry made, and if found, deliver them. I have made a note at Bottom of the Contents of the hh^d which if it answers to the one seen by Doct^r Bond amounts to a certainty it is the same we want

Missing

2 Bales Buckram V M C N 25-26 2 Tierces Medicine d° 24-25 1 hh^d Mark E C N° 12 Containing 204 Camphir 124 Cream. Tart. 100 Ipecacuanha 100 Opium 57½ Aloes 30 Emitic Tar. 24 Sal Saturnus 30 red precipitat 51 fol Senna 30 Coros Mercury 68 Copenhagen Rheubard.

[Matt. Ridley Baltimore to His Excellency Thos. Sim Lee Esqr] May 20

Sir I take the liberty of sending you the inclosed Copy of a Letter from Mr Joshua Johnson to the late Governor, which will be forwarded you by Genl Gist. The Occasion of it, is this. One of the Young Gentleman alluded to Mr Beavet is arrived in the Tom Johnson, his desire is to get into our Army. his Zeal has hurried him so far as to induce him to quit Europe not only without other necessary Letters of recommendation, except one I have from Capt: Robinson at Nantes, but even without the means of support, should he fail in his intentions. He is an entire Stranger to me; but I have inquired of him from Mr Stewart who came in with him & he gives him a good Character. Upon mentioning the Affair to Genl Gist he kindly and I may say humanely undertook to recommend him & endeavour to procure for him such Commission as our present regulation of the Army would admit. He is young & modest, and I do believe from what opinion I can form from the little I have seen of him will not be wanting in gratitude or duty for any Favor confered him. If in your Power to assist his intentions I hope you will. He has been bred to the Law but as inclination prompts him to the military Line he may with a little instruction & experience make a

May 20 good Officer. He is particularly anxious to push to the Southward that he may have an opportunity of signalizing himself. I trust Sir you will excuse me troubling you on this business. Feeling for a young Man in a strange Country destitute of Friends & Money is the only excuse I can urge

May 22 To the Honourable the General Assembly of Maryland the Humble Petitin of Martin Everhart of fredk: County most Humbly Sheweth.

That your petitioner having neglected to take the Oath of fidelity to this State as by Law he was Injoined to Do, is thereby Burthened with a treeble tax on his property, A Continuation Whereof Will Inevitably Reduce your petitioner to Beggary and the Greatest Distress that your petitioners Neglect in this Instance, Arose Wholly From an Incapacity to Judge, of the nature and principles of Government, or the allegiance due thereto: And not from any Interested Views or Inimical principles; held by your petitioner. That your petitioner is a German, by birth. And did not understand the Nature of the said Oath, But being led by the Example and Influence of Designing men is now Grieviously Distressed With the said treeble tax.

Your petitioner therefore most Humbly prays your Honourable House to take his Case into Consideration And to Grant him Relief from said treeble tax in such manner as you in your Wisdom and Goodness shall think meet

May 22 [Jos'a Beall Lieut. D. G. C'y. P^s G^s Cty to His Excelly Thomas Sim Lee Esqr]

S^r I shall be mutch Oblidged to you for your direction Concerning the Ammunition in Bladensburgh, I had it removed sometime ago from the Other Stores to Mr Robert Dicks store in Town where it has remaind ever since; He is now about giving up the house; and desires I would take it to some Other place, that he may have the house clear, the moving it will be attended with some Expence, besides the rent I Expect I shall be Obliged to pay for a house to put it in, which I dont immagine can be had on any reasonable terms. It would be a very sailable Article at this time, And if the State is otherwise well provided with ammunition, Would it not be more to the Advantage of the State to sell than be at the Expence of removeing and paying storage for it, The Powder by this must be very weak & not mutch to be depended on, the Lead is as good as Ever, & there is a parcell of very Good flints; Pleas to let me have your Orders concerning it as soon as Possible which shall be Punctually complyed with

[John Gibson Jr. Presidt. Treasury Office, Philada to Gov Lee] May 24 Red Book No. 7 Letter No. 182

Sir In Consequence of your Excellencys Request to the President of Congress, in your Letter of the 18th Inst the Board of Treasury, have ordered into the Hands of Mr Thomas Harwood, the Commissioner of the Continental Loan office in your State Bills of Exchange on Spain the Honble John Jay, the Minister of the United States at the Court of Spain; to be delivered to Mr Davidson, in Payment of the Money advanced by him on the public Account.

[John Smith Brookes, Upper Marlbro, to The Honble The Governor & Council] May 25

Gentlemen By order of Thomas Richardson Esquire I have directed the Bearer Capt. William Jackson to deliver you 40 barrels of Pork, an Invoice whereof you have enclosed, together with a duplicate, the latter you will please to return with a receipt thereon The freight you have to ascertain and pay to the Captain.

[Dan'l Jenifer, Portobacco, to Gov. Lee] May 26

Sir When I last addressed your Excellency on the Subject of Joseph Thompson and Jane his wife, who stood committed to Charles County Jail on suspicion of having Robbed Thomas Reeder of this place of a considerable sum of money and a watch, I omitted transmitting to your Excellency copies of the Committiters which are now enclosed. As the Evidence is by no means conclusive Reeder is willing to release them, and Thompson having Inlisted as a Soldier during the War, will I hope be a suff inducement to your Excellencys granting a Noli prosequi especially as he has actually Marched. The Man that was wounded by the officer to whom you granted a Noli pro: is perfectly recovered and gone on with the troops.

Charles County ss. Whereas complaint hath been made to me upon Oath of Thomas Reeder, that he had in the night time some time in January last, his house entered his desk broke open, and a silver Watch stolen thereout, with the follow Marke. a carved case, a flower pot engraved on the Back, makers name John Bar (Port Glasgow N° 39 Stampt on the inside of the inner case with F. B but altered and made into T. R) also sundry papers, and a quantity of continental money, and that he hath reason to suspect a certain Joseph Thompson (Drummer) These are therefore to Require you forthwith to bring the said Joseph Thompson before me or some other Magistrate of the County afs to be dealt with as the Law directs, hereof you are not to fail at your peril. Given under my hand and Seal this 13th day of April 1780 Dan Jenifer [Seal]

To Mr John Harris Serjeant constable especially app upon this occasion

April 13 Charles County ss. You are hereby required to take into your custody and safe keep in your Jail the body of Joseph Thompson (Drum^{r}) who stands committed on suspicion of having entered the House of Thomas Reeder some time in the Month of January last in the night time, and breaking open a desk and stealing from thence a silver Watch, upwards of two thousand four hundred pounds in common money and sundry papers. The body of the said Thompson with this Mittimus you are to have before the Justices of Charles County Court at Charles Town on the Monday before the second Tuesday in August next, hereof you are not to fail at your peril. Given under my hand and seal this 13th day of April 1780

Danl Jenifer [Seal]

To the Sheriff of Charles County.

Charles County ss. You are Required to take unto your Custody and to safe keep in your Jail the body of Jane Thompson (wife of Joseph Thompson) who stands committed on suspicion of being concerned in breaking open the house and Desk of Mr Thomas Reeder and stealing from thence a silver Watch sundry papers and a considerable sum of Continental money. The said Jane Thompson together with this Mittimus you are to have before the Justices of Charles County Court at Charles Town on the Monday before the second Tuesday in August next to be dealt with as the Law directs hereof. You are not to fail at your peril Given under my hand & Seal this 13th Day of April 1780 Danl Jenifer [Seal]

To the sheriff of Charles County

May 26 [Dan Bowly, Baltimore to Gov. Lee]

Sir I beg your Excellencys Pardon for omitting to sign the Letter I wrote by Doct^{r} Wilson the other day; The Contents whereof I now confirm.

The presents will be delivered you by Capt. Prudden Commander of the Bermuda Sloop Frances, arrived here with a load of Salt, addresst to Mr Archibald Buchanan and myself. The Capt waits upon your Excellency for permission to take out a load of Corn agreeable to Act of Assembly.

May 26 [Baruch Williams to Council]

[Recommends Justices of the Peace for Cecil County.]

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Letter No. 13

[Jona. Loring Commissy Gen'l Prisoners New York to Lt Col Ramsey and others]

Sir I have this moment received the Determination of their Excellencys General Knyphausen & Roberson on the Subject of sending supplies to the captive officers belonging to Maryland, which as far

as may be nessesary for their immediate use they have no objection to, but they cannot think of admitting any kind of Traffick whatever. It is with concern they hear of the sufferings of your officers, but at the same time they have the Satisfaction to think it has not arose from any Inattention or neglect on their part. as you may have occasion to write to Maryland on this Subject, it may not be amiss to Observe to you the heavy sum which has been a long time due to the Inhabitants on Long Island for your officers Board & that unless some Speedy & Effectual means are taken to discharge it, we cannot think of imposing such a Burthen upon these people any longer or of their being restricted to two dollars a week for your Board when our officers Prisoners of war with you are left to seek their own Quarters at an unlimited price. Red Book No. 26

[Allen McLane, Capt. Commandant to His Excellency Governor Lee] Red Book No. 26 Letter No. 29 May 27

Sir Captain Archer of the Partisan Rangers waits on your Excellency to represent to your Honorable Councel the disadvantage attending the Corps from the want of the necessary articles of Soap & Candles. Every means has been tried to procure them at the Posts we past through, but they were unable to Supply us. If your Excellency will give directions for a supply of these articles, it will have the most Salutary effect, & be considered as a mark of attention deserving the gratitude of the Corps

[W. Smith, Baltimore, to Gov. Lee] May 27

Sir I am this moment favor'd with yours of the 24th You should have been furnished with the information wanted respecting my purchase for the Marine of france Long ere this, had it been in my power, but my agents for Kent County (where the principal part of that purchase was effected) advise me that as late as last week, the comrs for seizing flour in that county alledged they had not recd any instructions for the delivery of the French wheat & flour seized by them, this circumstance has prevented me getting returns, as their purchases could not be ascertained with any degree of certainty before the delivery. From the best information I have hitherto obtained, I expect the whole of my purchase will amount to nearly 30000 Bushells of wheat, this I suppose will make 5000 barrells of flour. add to this about 2500 bbls of flour, or perhaps something upwards, say in the whole 7500 to 8000 barrells, some part of which is in the hands of the Commrs. or perhaps sent forward to the army. For a week or 10 days past considerable quantitys of flour has offered at this market, should it continue to come in, I will engage as much as I possibly can, but at present I am not in cash for that purpose not

May 27 expecting it necessary. I will however continue to go on, till I receive your orders to desist. had I cash I have no doubt I could procure a considerable quantity.

P. S. the Board of Adm^{y} at Phil^{a} sometime past requested me to apply for some Cannon lent this State, to this application I have not rec^{d} any answer I'll thank you to enable me to give the necessary information.

May 27 [Robert Harris To his Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Governor of the State of Maryland and the Honourable the Council of State.]

The Memorial of Robert Harris of Baltimore Town Humbly Sheweth to Your Excellency and Honours.

That Your Memorialist and Several of the Inhabitants of the Counties of Baltimore and Harford from the Severity of the past Season and other unavoidable Causes were obliged to consume the Residue of their last years Crops of Indian Corn and from the known great advantage of having it upon their Plantations in preference of wheat or Wheat Flower and from the present almost unpracticability of obtaining that so beneficial an Article upon Deliberation conceived an exchange of Wheat Flower with a different part of this State where less quantities of Wheat was raised would be the most probable and advantagious Method of furnishing their Families with such quantities of Indian Corn as was absolutely necessary for their support not apprehending it by any means contrary to the Laws of this State to Exchange or Barter Articles prohibited to be exported out of the State for other prohibited articles within this State for the necessary consumption of their Families. In pursuance whereof they agreed with the Master of a small Schooner Boat to transport a small quantity of Wheat Flower consisting of Forty seven Barrels from Baltimore Town up the River Potomake and to return such quantity of Indian Corn from thence to Baltimore Town as might be procured by your Memorialist therefore And that Your Memorialist was entrusted by the other Gentlemen to make the exchange In Consequence whereof the Flower on the 24th Instant May at Mid Day & from a public warf was laden on Board the same Schooner in Baltimore Town and that upon the evening of the 26th Instant for the want of a favourable Wind to stand down the Bay Your Memorialist put into the River Severn for a convenient Harbour where a Certain William Middleton upon your Memorialists declaring he had Wheat Flower on Board the Schooner from an apprehension of Your Memorialists intentions of conveying it out of the State Seized and brought your Memorialist to this City where at present the wheat Flower and Vessel is detained From the State of the above Facts which are strictly true Your Memorialist apprehends that the Vessel and Flower cannot be legally seized and de-

tained and consequently after trial would be permitted to pursue her intended Voyage but as such delay must frustrate the Intentions of the owners and tend to distress their several Families Your Memorialist apprehends your Excellency and Honours taking into your Considerations the above Stated Facts and being fully satisfied of the truth thereof would in your wisdom direct that your Memorialist be permitted to pursue his intended Voyage either with or without your Memorialists giving Bond to exchange at the Place mentioned or to be answerable for the Vessel and Flower if Condemned by the Court of Admiralty your Excellency and Honours taking into your Consideration the above Case of Your Memorialist and doing therein as you in your wisdom shall seem right it shall engage Your Memorialist ever to pray. May 27

[Eph Blaine, C. G. P., Philad[a] to Gov. Lee] May 27

Sir A few Days will consume all the Salt Provisions in our Magazines, little in this part of the Country and no Money to buy it with. the severity of last Winter and backwardness of the Spring will deprive us of any Grass Beef till the latter end of July or begining of August. Should we have Assistance from our Allies as is certainly expected, every possible exertion of the States will be necessary to feed the Army. have therefore to beg the aid of your Excellency and Council to adopt ways and means to secure all the spare Salt Provisions in the State. I obtained an Order from Congress early in April for One Million eight hundred twenty two thousand five hundred thirty three Dollars and thirty ninetieths payable to my Deputies agreeable to indorsement, this Money is to enable them to pay part of their old Debts, and secure all the Salt Provisions they possibly can. should their purchasing be contrary to the Laws of your State, would wish your Excellency & Council to give them permission, or order your County Contractors to secure all the Salt Provisions within their respective districts. The requisitions of Flour made by Congress from the States for the support of the Army will not be Adequate to the Consumption, therefore they should make an Additional demand.

We hourly expect to hear of the French fleet being on our Coast, every good man here wishes their first Object may be Charles Town, if they are not there very soon, I fear the Consequences shou'd they come to New York, I have not the least doubt but two weeks after their Arrival within the Hook General Washington will be completely possessed of the City of New York and its dependencies and that I shall be able to aggregate such a quantity of Salt Provisions as will give our Army three months Supplies, and procure a sufficient Magazine of Salt to serve the Continent two years. We had two different Accounts of the Arrival of the Fleet off Sandy Hook but it is yet premature.

May 27 I beg leave to inform your Excellency & Council that you have the warm Acknowledgment of the Commander in Chief for your Exertions in forwarding Supplies, and it is greatly owing to you that I was able to feed the Army with Bread thro the Winter, and be assured I am happy of having an Opportunity in all Companies of declaring how much the United States are indebted to you for the Supplies render'd

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Letter No. 12

[Luke Marbury, Nat. Ramsey, Edwd Tillard, Aa Giles, Jno Eccleston, Long Island, to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esqr.]

May it please your Excellency We the field Officers belonging to the State of Maryland, Prisoners on Long Island in behalf of the whole of the Captive Officers from that State, beg leave to Express our Gratefull sence of the Humane, and Generous Attention, paid to our distressed Situation, by that Legislature, at the Head of which you preside; an intimation whereof we have lately received by Lieu^t Col^o Ramsey. In Consequence of some enquiries made by him in New York antecedent to his going out on Parole, we as well as he, conceived an Idea, that a pass port could be Obtained, and Liberty granted for a flag to Come round to New York with Produce, which might be sold in that Market, in order to raise money to discharge our Board, and Other Contnngent expences; But upon our Making a Regular Application on that Subject to the proper Authority, we have received through the Commissary General of Prisoners, an Answer in the Negative, a Copy whereof we beg leave to inclose you. We therefore earnestly entreat that your Excellency may be pleased (agreable to the powers with which you are invested) as soon as possible, to transmit us a Supply in Specie. We esteem it unnecessary to mention how pressing our wants are, they are already known, and we bear them with less regret, as we are Convinced our Country wish and are taking every Step to relieve them, By the Answer which we have had the Honour to receive from New York, your Excellency will perceive the great probability, that the Officers in stead of receiving billets, will shortly be Obliged to procure and bargain for their own Boarding; in which case we would beg leave to Observe, that each Officer being supplied with a few Barrells of Good flower, and a sufficient Quantity of Bacon Hams, for his own Consumption, would have a great influence in procureing, and Continuing him good Quarters, and we Apprehend, that your Excellencys permission together with granting a flag to any small Coasting Vessell for that purpose, agreable to the Liberty in the enclosed letter expressed, would be Quite Sufficient without any formal passport, we take the liberty of Hinting this Idea, in as much as we presume a Quantity of those Articles are already provided, and Can

be forwarded in a very Short time, and we must Acknowledge that even a Small Supply of any Kind, either Victuals, or money, would at present be very Acceptable. Red Book No. 26

[U. Forrest to Gov Lee]

Monday Morning May 29 Red Book No. 26 Letter No. 98

Sir I neglected to mention to y^r Excellency that I had been spoke to by several Gentlemen in Balt^o Town to Recommend as a proper person for the purchasing of Provisions for Baltimore County, Mr Thomas Donnellan who has Acted with great Reputation as Issuing Commissary on Balt^o Town from the beginning of the War. he finds that Office insufficient to maintain his family & I believe would fill the other with great Integrity.

Mr Bravet who was recommended by Genl Gist has gone forward with the Troops upon the Resumption that he wou'd be appointed an Officer. My Mother being dangerously Ill together with some other Circumstances has made it necessary for me to Visit St Mary's this week. I shall make every dispatch to get back in the mean Time hope I shall not be wanted, as I believe no acc^t beyond what Mr Valette can pass will be paid before my Return.

[Sam Huntington, President, Philadelphia to His Excy the Gov Lee]

May 29 Red Book No. 7 Letter No. 39

(Circular) Sir Your Excellency will receive herewith enclosed two Acts of Congress of the 26th & 27th Instant.

The former recommending to those of the States where Debts are due to the Inhabitants from the Quartermasters & Commissary's Department, by Notes, or Certificates given as mentioned in the Act; to make Provision for discounting & discharging such Debts by empowering the Collectors to receive them in Payment of the Taxes due to the first of March last in the Manner prescribed in the Act. It is hoped this mode may prove beneficial in those States where considerable Debts are due under the Circumstances above mentioned, and in those States only can the Act be properly applied.

By the other Act of the 27th you will be informed of the Measure adopted by Congress to equip for Sea the naval Force of the United States with the utmost Expedition as also their recommendation to the several States to adopt the necessary Measures for promoting Harmony & forwarding the common Views of France & America as expressed in the Resolutions enclosed; which it is not to be doubted will meet with due Consideration & Attention from the several States, and receive the necessary Aid of the Legislatures to carry the same into Execution as speedily as the nature of the Case will admit.

May 29 [Jona. Hudson, Balt., to Gov. Lee]

Dear Sir This will be handed to you by Mr Thos Brumfield who will present an order to you drawn by Mr Keypot in my favour for Twenty seven Thousand four Hundred & Thirty seven Pounds ten shillings, wch I hope will be convenient for you to pay, as I am much distrest for money to pay my Debts, & have defer'd calling on you as long as possible, knowing the situation you have lately been in Respect^{g} money matters, but I now Can't wait any longer having duns at my door every Hour wch is very disagreeable. I sh^{d} also be glad to Receive the Ball^{ce} of the order Mr Blake Bro^{t} down wch is £25.000 but If you Can't spare the whole I must be Content with the am^{t} of the Order by Mr Brumfield wch I begg you will not disapoint me in. I have made provision in Virg^{t} for the Ball^{c} of Blakes Order & as he did not Return me the Bill I suppose he has left it with you, at any rate don't pay any more of that Order to Mr Blake as I shall want the money here, being what Occurs

June 1 [Pat Sim Smith Calvert County to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esqr]

Sir Agreeable to your request I have applied to a number of the Inhabitants of this County to lend money to the State, I shewed them your Letter together with the extracts of a letter from Congress, and urged them to comply, but have hitherto failed of Success. they say they would willingly lend, could they command the money, but their sold dependance is on the Sale of their Tobacco to raise it, which the present Stagnation of that Business renders Impracticable. They are looking forward to the payment of their Assessments, and I am well convinced three fourths of the Inhabitants have no way of making their payments but by the Sale of Tobacco. a few Individuals I believe have Cash by them for that purpose but will not part with for any other. had I been Impowered to give receipts for any money I might borrow to be deducted out of their Assessments, it would have Induced such as have it by them to lend, but otherwise twould be needless to apply for it. This I mentioned to Col^{o} Fitzhugh the other day and he promised me to write you on the Subject.

Should it be thought expedient to borrow on these terms and I am directed to Attempt it, will Chearfully undertake it, altho at this time it is very Inconvenient to me

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No. 1
Letter No. 34

[George Washington Head Quarters Morris Town to His Excellency Govr. Lee]

Sir By a letter, from the Honorable the Committee of Congress at Morristown, which this accompanies, Your Excellency will find, that those Gentlemen and myself, after maturely considering the

matter, deem it essential to the success of the measures in contemplation to be carried on against the Enemy, to call on the States for certain Aids of Militia, in addition to the requisitions for Men already made, and that they should be at places of rendezvous apponted by me, by the fifteenth day of next month. The aid requested, in this instance, of your State, is founded on a principle of apportionment common to all the States from New Hampshire to Maryland inclusive, (the others on account of their distance and the operations in the southern quarter not being nor called on) and is Stated as *Two thousand two hundred and five* Rank and File. This number of Militia *well armed,* and equipped in every other respect for the Field in the best manner circumstances will admit, under proper Officers, I wish to be at the Head of Elk at the time mentioned by the Committee, which appear to me a suitable place for their rendezvousing in the first instance, and from whence they will proceed, on my orders as occasion may require. It will also be material, on account of disciplining and organizing the men, as well as on account of public economy, that they should be formed into full Regiments. If this is not done, it will render our arrangements extremely difficult and irregular, and will add by greatly encreasing the number of Officers, very considerably to the public expence. I would beg leave to observe, that I think the whole number of Militia requested from your State should be comprised in four Regiments. This additional aid will not, I trust, and erneastly intreat, impede in the smallest degree, the filling up the Regiments of the State, by draft, to their full Complement, as requested by the Hon^{bl} the Committee in their letters of the 25th ult^{o} This is a point of such vast importance, so absolutely essential to give the least prospect of success to our operations, and indeed on which they depend, that I could not forbear mentioning it. If the Regiments are compleated by drafts, it is possible our demands for Militia may be a good deal diminished, but this must be governed by Events, and therefore for objects so very interesting, so important as those are to which we at present look, we should provide whatever may be possibly requisite

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I have the Honor to be With great Respect and Esteem Your Excellency's Most ob^{t} and humble Servt G^{o} Washington

[Richard Dallam Harford County, to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esqr.]

June 3
Red Book No. 26
Letter No. 37

Sir I am just returned from York & Lancaster where I sold the flour Rye & Corn Mr Baily sent to York & Wrights ferry, at York Town I found 75½ Bushels of Corn at Wrights Ferry 401½ Bush^{ls} Corn 19 Bush^{ls} of Rye & four Barrels of flour. there must be a very Considerable Loss in the Corn which was stored part in a Continental Store the floor of which, was so open then I could run my hand through the Joints, & the remainder in a house very insecure & from

Red Book No. 26 the Appearance a Large Quantity must have been taken out but I could find no person who had any charge of it or could give any account of the Quantity delivered. I shall by next Post send a Return of the Sales. I could not sell for Cash at ½ the price I did & tho I expected your excellency put the Sale of these Articles in my hands to supply me with money I could not think of selling under what was right for the sake of obtaining such a sum of money I got from 12£ to 14£ for the Corn 2 C^{t} £ to 75 £ for the flour the money is promised in a short time.

I am frequently offerd small parcels of flour, & as I fear it will be wanting for the french fleet I take the Liberty to mention that I think I could buy near 100 Barrels in a private manner, at something Lower then what must be given if once a Public purchase is known Perhaps I may be able to obtain a month or two Credit if I can be assured then of Cash. I am induced to give this information from the requisition Congress has made, if the flour is want^{g} fix the price that must not be exceed^{d}

June 5 [H. Hollingsworth, D. Q. M. G^{l} Head of Elk, to His Excellency, Thomas Sim Lee in Council.]

Gentlemen Please to pay to the Bearer Thomas Giles Express Rider one thousand pounds which sum shall be accounted for

There is nothing but my necessityes (and those of the Post) could imboulden me to take this method of applying for money, which I flatter my selfe my Letter of this days date will fully satisfy you of, if a Larger Sum can be had shall gladly accept it, am this moment ordred by the Board of war to send a parcil of Stores to Virginia by Land, the Bay being sopos'd not clear of the Enemy. I have not one dollar to supply the waggoners with, though am three months pay behind hand with them

June 6 [George Scott, Fredk Town to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esqr]

Please your Excellency Agreeable to your Favor of 26th Ult^{o} which came to hand this day week in the Evening, I have been employ'd in soliciting the Loan of Cash in Town and Country: Mr Fielder Gantt has oblig'd me in taking to the Treasury what I have collected, Viz^{t} 55.630 Dollars. I could have receivd much more, if the people could have been certain of the Receipts being receiv'd by the Sheriff in Lieu of money for Assessments, indeed to some I gave my opinion that the Assembly would pass such a Law. I am much mortify'd that it is not in my power to assist my Country on the present emergent occasion, but such is my poverty, that I have barely enough to satisfy the demands of the Sheriffs.

Till the 12th of the month I shall continue the collection but fear it will be but small in comparison with that made. On the other side You will see a Copy of the Receipts I have pass'd for the money borrowed. June 6

[Wm Aisquith D. N. Off. Balt. Town To his Excellency Thos S. Lee Esqr] June 6

Sr. In Complyance with your directions in the permission Granted, Daniel Prudden master the Sloop Francis to take 900 Bushells Corne on board for the relief of the Inhabitants the Island Burmuda

I have Inclosed a Certificate of the Master and Crews takeing the Oath presented Agreable to your directions.

[Owen Biddle A C Gl of Forage Philadelphia to Colo James Calhoun D. Q. M. G'l] June 6

Sir I am directed by the Commissary General of Forage to request you would apply to the State Agents for the quotas of Short Forage which those in your district are respectively to supply, and that you would forward it on to the head of Elk with the greatest dispatch as it will be wanted to form the necessary Magazines, and I am informed that it is his Excellency Genl Washington's desire that application be made by you to the Executive Authority of your State for Assistance if you should require it, of this you will be able to judge when you are about to carry these orders into execution.

Notwithstanding the late interuption to your acting in the Forage department we hope you will consent to resume the business while we continue which I hope will soon be brought to a period if the Interest of the U. States will admit of it.

[David Poe, Baltimore to His Excellency Thom's Sim Lee Esqr] June 7

Sir Agreeable to what I told Your Excellency the Last time I had the Honour of seeing you, I have Prevailed with my friend to send the Money to the Treasury I hope you will Consider the Disagreeable Situation I am in forever so many Contracts I have made for the Public And not able to Comply therewith for want of Cash. I mean for the Beef & Pork which Cost 50000 pounds & the money I Recvd was 20000 Please to send by the Bearer whatever sum you think proper.

[Jas. Calhoun Baltimore to His Excellency Governor Lee] June 9

Sir Inclosed is copy of a letter I yesterday received respecting the forwarding of Forage to Elk which I do myself the Honour to transmit your Excellency that measures may be taken to comply with this requisition

June 9 Your Excellency well knows that I have long since resigned the Quarter Masters Office, and I cannot think of resuming it under the present System however if I can render my country any Service in this or any other matter at this critical and alarming period shall chearfully do it being consious that there never was a time since the commencement of this contest when the exertions of the Citizens of America were more wanted

June 10 [Thos. Richardson, Geo. Town, to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esqr]

Sir By this days Post I received a Letter from Owen Biddle Esqr Deputy forrage Master Genl & Inclose you an extract of it by which you will see that forrage is much wanting to the northward & like to be still more so. the State of Pensilvania & Jersey have been so much exhausted by the two armies that they Cannot be supported from them, but must look to the Southward for Suplies, the Forrage Master Generall has requested me to apply to the different agents of the State to forward the Forage they have collected, but they would not be Justifiable to send it forward in consequence of my applications. I can therefore only beg you to take the matter into Consideration whether it would not be for the good of the Service to order the different agents, to ship of the Forrage they have on hand, or may be able to Collect as Speedily as Possible. I am confident much depends on their being Speedily Supplied both with forrage & Provision & doubt not but your Excellency & the Hon^{r} the Councill will adopt the most Salutary measures, to give them the needfull assistance

P. S. Mr Becraft has ab^{t} 4000 of Corn & Rye & 33 Bb^{ls} Flour collected by the commissioners in Chas County in Mr Mushits hands 1900 Bush^{ls} Corn Mr Dyson & Mr Douglass have some

Mr. Thomas Beall informs me the late Sheriff of Fred. County has been with him and informed him that he has orders to deliver him what wheat Corn & Rye he Collects, that it will be down in a few days. Should it be found necessary to be Sent to the North ward would it not be more expedient to order Mr. Beaty to send it to Baltimore as the Risque of Shipping from here & the head of Elk would be avoided the difference in land Carriage Counter Ballanced by the difference of the freight & Craft may be more Readily got there to carry it than from hence

June 10 Brown Book No. 8 Letter No. 28 [Holker Philadelphia to His Excellency T. S. Lee]

Sir I received the favor of your letter of the 25th ultimo respecting the 15000 barrels which are to be compleated in the hands of Mr Smith for the use of the royal marine in consequence of the late assembly of Maryland & with it a coppy of your letter to that Gentleman empowering him to purchase flour for this purpose I am sorry

Mr Smith did not furnish you the account of his purchases but I cannot conceive how this cou'd have deprived you of the Knowledge of the quantity he was master of since the Commissioners of the State had Possession of the whole for several months & could better than him, have given you the fullest information. Brown Book No. 8

Mr Smith will undoubtedly do everything in his power to second your views & request & I have sent him & will Supply him with whatever quantity of bills on France he can negotiate at 45 dollars per 5 livres tournois, so as he may purchase all the flour that offers at market & what he can contract for with the millers, but as I perceive that his Efforts at this late period can realise but very small quantities we cannot place dependance on them & I must therefore humbly entreat you to comply with all possible speed with the resolve of the Assembly & that you'll please to order four or five thousand barrels into the hands of Mr Smith who will store the same for the use of the fleet, which may very soon be Expected & which Entertains the strongest hopes of being amply supplied when here. Should you deem Necessary that I shou'd forward you, some bills on France I shall readily do it, on account of the flour to be delivered, on your Excellencys application to me, or Mr Wm Smith in Baltimore

[J. Swan, Baltimore to Gov Lee] June 11

I had the Honor of receiving Your Excellencys letter of the 9th Current recommending Captn Kelty to take charge of the flag Brig to New York, in consequence of which I applied to the Owners, who inform'd me they had appointed a person to take charge of her some time ago, that He had been at a considerable expence and trouble in fiting the Vessels for Sea, that in justice to him they could not take Her from him, nor could they appoint any person for that voyage upon an uncertainty, who would not continue in their employ after Her return, finally that they had lost a part of the best season for sending Her to Holland, and would keep Her no longer in a State of Suspence, that they would begin to load Her on Monday for Holland, without they were put upon some certainty, I requested they would give me one day, and not begin to load untill Tuesday that I might have an Opportunity to consult Your Excellency, by to morrows post, they require a demurage of five pounds hard money ꝑ day, untill the 20 Days for Loading commence, laying a stress upon the time she hath already been detained. At present I think the uncertainty such that I would prefer running the risque of geting another Vessel altho: I know of none that will answer the purpose so well, yet a demurrage of five pounds ꝑ day will soon increase the freight considerably, and the Enemy I apprehend wish to gain time untill they know the destination of the French fleet, expected on this Coast.

June 12
Red Book
No. 26
Letter
No. 36

[T. Donnellan, Baltimore to His Excellency the Governor]

I am Honored with the Receipt of your Excellencys Letter of the 9th Instant appointing me to Receive Provisions in this Town from certain State Commissioners, and shall use my best endeavors to Merrit your Excellency's approbation of my conduct in the business.—It will be attended with sundry expences, such as Cooperage, Laborors hire for handing away Grain & Stowing Barrels &c &c which I request you will enable me to defray with prompt Payment. I beg to be instructed by what Mode Store Houses & Craft for Transportation are to be obtained. I am Your Excellency's Most obedient Humble Servant

June 12

[John Gordon Ship Chase belonging To Congress to Gov Lee]

Sir Your Excelency will, I hope, consider a ship in distress for provision, and spare us a Barrel Pork, or Beef, which shall be returned at Baltimore on the shortest notice

June 12

[Matth'w Wells and Jacob Cunes, Annapolis to Gov Lee]

We have this day sold to the Governor and Council of the State of Maryland between twelve & thirteen thousand pounds of merchantable Bacon at eight Dollars per pound which we promise and engage to deliver in good order to Colo Henry Hollingsworth at the Head of Elk also five barrels of Pork to be delivered as aforesaid at three hundred and seventy five pounds per barrel

June 14

[David Poe, Baltimore to Gov. Lee]

Sir Agreeable to your Excellencies Orders of the 10th Instant I have procured an Express Rider In whome I Can Confide will be Answerable for his Conduct, have also a good horse for him I have not yet fixed on any price Only Agreed with him what Ever may be the Customary Rates for such Service.

June 15

[Benjamin Rogers, Baltimore County to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esqr]

Sir Agreeable to your request of the 26th Ultimo I made application to a number of the Inhabitants of this County both in and out of Baltimore Town to lend money to this State for the purposes contained in your Letter, but to my great disappointment have not been able to procure one Shilling from them. The General cry was that they had no money nor could they get it, otherwise they would have lent it chearfully for so good a Purpose. If it should be in my Power hereafter to do any Service in any matter your Excellency

& Council should want done here, shall always be ready to do my part. I Return you many thanks for the favourable Letter you wrote Mr Blain in respect to myself June 15

[Jno. Thomas West River to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esqr] June 15

Agreable to the Direction of your Excellency & the Council I have applied to such Persons as I thought could & would lend Money to the State on the present emergent Occasion, but have been so unfortunate as not to be able to procure a Shilling, not that there was any unwillingness to lend, but I beleive from a real Scarcity of Money among us.

I should have done myself the Honour of making my Return blank as it is, in Person, but am prevented by Indisposition

[And. Buchanan, Balt. County to His Excelly Thos Sim Lee Esqr] June 15

Sir Inclos'd is Acct Against the State for which I shou'd be Glad to receive Certifts for as mentioned in the Acct I have taken some Pains to borrow money for the State but have not been able to get any

[Sam Huntington President, Philadelphia to His Excellency the Governor Lee] June 15 Red Book No. 7 Letter No. 47

(Circular) Sir Congress repeat their applications to your State. They would willingly hope that their former representations have not been ineffectual and that the States are pursuing measures to enable our armies to take the field with a force superior to that of the enemy and with such ample supplies of provision as will not only maintain them in plenty but enable the commander in chief if necessary on any extraordinary occasion to avail himself of the aid of the Militia. But upon these hopes Congress dare not rely. every moment presses. It is necessary they should have the most explicit assurances not only that their requisitions will be compiled with but that such compliance will be as immediate as the public wants are urgent. The letters from our committee at head quarters to you state those wants without exaggeration They State some facts and leave to your judgments to supply others, which it would have been improper to commit to paper. The object of this address is only to enforce their requests and to entreat you not to repose your safety upon the spirit and vigilance of others while any means within your own power are left untried. The present occasion calls for the united force of America. It gives us great consolation that notwithstanding the difficulties in which we are involved, the resources of the States if speedily applied are sufficient to releive us from them.

Every State in the Union is bound by the strongest obligations to afford us their aid and we trust that at this critical emergency no

Red Book No. 7 present ease or convenience of individuals will be put in competition with the lasting happiness of millions. That the rulers of States will not hesitate to exert their utmost authority and that the people have too much understanding to refuse a temporary submission to such vigorous exertions as are necessary to secure them from continued oppression and established tyranny.

A common council involves the power of direction Let not our measures be checked or controuled by the negligence or partial views and interests of separate communities, while they profess to be members of one body. too long have the dearest interests of America been sacrificed to present ease Too many of us have slept in false security. Let us awake before the season for successful exertion is passed. Judge you whether the loss of Charles Town and the situation of your grand Army does not call for every spirited effort. The objects which claim your immediate attention are clearly pointed out by the requisitions of Congress and their committee at head quarters. Let them be complied with. Enable us to cooperate vigourously with the fleets and armies of our Ally and we may reasonably hope through the blessing of divine providence for a speedy and happy termination of a controversy which is to give freedom and independence to millions

June 16 [H. Hollingsworth, D. Q. M. G^l Head of Elk, to His Excellency the Governor in Council]

Gentlemen Your favor of the 12th by Messrs Wells & Cunes came duly to hand with Ten thousand nine hundred and fifty one pounds Bacon and five barrells Pork in good order having no money could advance the Gentlemen none have assumed for some small matters which they were in want of, to the amount of One hundred and thirty eight pounds fifteen shillings, which you will please to Stop out of the Sales as I have charged it to the State. the bacon shall go on tomorrow, have partly got through the State Wheat delivered me by the Commissioners & shall be down with a State of the Accounts as soon as Leisure will permit. I had the Honor of receiving your late appoint^t shall act at least untill I have the pleasure of seeing your Honors, as I have several Continental Vessells now at leisure (will be soon Idle) unless I am inform'd of some business more than I know of, which 'tis fear'd will be attended with bad Consequences to the Army, as I have generally observed that leisure at this Post, fore leads want to the Army, therefore take the Liberty to entreat, that I may be inform'd of any grain flour Provisions &^ca that may be to bring forward, & those Vessells shall be immediately sent for it which will contribute to the Service

[T. Donellan, Baltimore, to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esqr.] June 17 Red Book No. 26 Letter No. 35

Sir Your Commands of the 16th Instant respecting the Delivery of 4000 Barrels of Flour to Mr Wm Smith, came to hand last Night and shall be carefully attended to

[Abraham Faw, Frederick Town, to Gov. Lee.] June 18

Sir Your Letter of the 5th Inst Came to Hand nothing but the want of Oppertunity prevented my answering it sooner, as to the Price of the Beef from the Conversation I had with the Gentleman who Desired me to Treat for it he Expected to Get Five Dollars pr ℔ but I Believe he would take Four Dollars pr ℔ as the Time is short for the Delivery of it would wish to be advis'd of the Price you would Give by this Oppertunity, or whether you Apprehend there would be any Risque in Driving the Cattle out of Virginia (in the Back Part of which the Cattle are) on Account of a Law they have to Prohibit the Exportation of Provisions out of their State.

If it is Expedient should Request the Favour to send an Order in my Favour for About 8000 Dollars on Mr Edelin, for the payment of a Ballence Due on Acct Rendered, as Also to pay the Taylors for Making Cloaths and some Shoes I was Obliged to Purchase for the Recruits Otherwise they Could not have Marchd to Camp

[Thos Beall of Geo Town to His Excelency Thos Sim Lee] June 18

Sir My Appointment to receive Indian Corn Rye and Flour from Prince Georges Montgomery & Frederick Counties came to hand yesterday

Mr Becraft of this Town informs me he has about 4000 Bushells of Rye and Indian Corn, and 43 Barrells of Flour in his Store, which he received from the Commissioners of this County. I shall agreable to Order receive what may be sent by the Commissionrs and reserve 2000 Bushells of Corn and Ship the Overplus as soon as I can get Craft to take it to the Head of Elk to Colo Henry Hollingsworth.

This Business will be Attended with expence as Storage Jobers wagers &c &c shoud be much Obliged to your Excelency if you wou'd inform me where I am to Apply for money to defray the same.

I also wish to be informed whether there is any fixed rate of Freight or whether I am to agree for it on the best termes I can

[John Mathews and Nathaniel Peabody, in committee of Congress, Morristown, to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee, Esqr, Governor of the State of Maryland] June 19 Brown Book No. 5 Letter No. 41

Sir We inclose you a copy of General Washington's letter to us of this day.

Brown Book No. 5 We have in our former letters dwelt so forcibly on the several matters contained in the General's letter, that it is now become almost unnecessary for us to say any thing more on them. But when we consider the season for operation wears fast away, the small force we have now in the field, being still fed in a scanty and uncertain manner, the hourly expectation of the fleet and Army of our ally, on our coast, and that the commander in chief, as well as ourselves, are as yet totally uninformed, what are to be our expectations on the subjects of our former letters; Be assured Sir, we feel an anxiety congenial with his. You will therefore we are perswaded, pardon us for being thus solicitous, when we again intreat you, in the most earnest, in the most urgent manner, to use every exertion in your power to engage your State, to a speedy and decisive compliance with our former requisitions. The two points we would wish to impress most forcibly on yours, and the minds of the legislature of your state, are the immediately forwarding your quota of troops necessary to compleat your battalions in the Continental Army and of supplies of provisions agreeable to the estimate inclosed you in our letter of the Instant. At the same time we would not wish you to consider any part of our former requisitions, as become in the least degree unnecessary, on the contrary, we are more strongly convinced, that they are already as small as the important objects in view can possibly admit of. We only mention the two first, as the most *immediately* and *indispensibly* necessary. For, reinforced as the enemy now are, by the from the reduction of Charlestown, momently expect will be made on our weak and almost resistless army. should this event happen, whilst in this State, we seriously dread the result.

From the well known indefatigable attention of your State to the welfare of the united States, we cannot entertain a doubt of its exertions, at this interesting conjuncture. And we most earnestly intreat you, to give us the earliest information of the final determinations of your state on the subjects of this and our former letters.

June 20 [Bennett Dyson, Charles County, to Gov. Lee]

Sir I Received your Letter Requesting me to acquaint you with what provision we have been able to procure under the Act for the Immediate supply of the Army. I have Received Six hundred and Sixty Bushels Corn, and have this day sent off Four hundred and Fifty Bushels in a Vessel lately Built to be delivered to Col. Henry Hollingsworth at the head of Elk, and shall forward the Balance as soon as the Vessel Returns. It has not been in my power to forward the Corn before, as there was no Vessels that wou'd answer for Carrying Grain. I have Informed the General Assembly of what I have been able to procure and what I have forwarded.

[Christopher Birckhead, Talbot County, to Council] June 20

[Writes concerning provisions for recruits.]

[F. Green and John Callahan, Annapolis, to Council] June 20

[Offer to sign paper currency.]

[Cha Thomson Secretary's Office, Philadelphia, to His Excellency, the Governor, Lee] June 20 Red Book No. 7 Letter No. 44

Sir The Commissions to private armed Vessels of War were heretofore ordered to be attested by the Secretary of Congress. But upon establishing a Board of Admiralty it was judged proper that they should issue from that board and be attested by their Secretary. Accordingly on the 2d of May last having made some alterations in the form of the commission Bond & Instructions for commanders of private armed Vessels of War Congress passed the following resolutions—

"Resolved, That the Board or Admiralty be empowered and directed to cause to be printed so many Copies of the said forms as they shall judge necessary. That the President transmit to the Governors or Presidents of the respective States so many copies of the said forms as the Board of Admiralty shall advise"

You will therefore, please for the future to apply to the Board of Admiralty for the commissions Bonds &c which may be wanted in your State and transmit to the said Board, the bonds given by the Commanders to be lodged in this Office.

[Joseph Ford, Saint Marys County, to His Excellcy Thomas Sim Lee Esqr] Red Book No. 26 Letter No. 132 June 20

Agreeable to your Excellencies & the Honble Councils Request I have made application to many of the Inhabitants of this county who I thought most likely to have money to lend it but I am sorry to inform you that for want of it or Inclination I could not obtain any

[George Scott Frederick Town to Gov Lee] June 20

Please Your Excellency Since I wrote by Mr Gaunt, who was so obliging as to take to the Treasury 55,630 Dollars, I have not been able to collect any money on Loan.

The Sheriff having dispers'd his Advertisements relative to the present Collection, every Person I call'd on alledg'd they had not more than sufficient to discharge the present Assessment. Inclosed is a List of those Gentlemen who lent money, and the Sums annexed

June 20 A list of Money Lent George Scott for the use of the State of Maryland.

	Dollars
Major Abraham Haff..	350
Mr James Beatty.....	1000
Mr Peter Stimmle	600
Mr Adam Link.....	800
Mr William Bentley....	2000
Mr Handle Barwick....	1000
Mr William Barwick....	500
Mr John Barwick.....	600
Mr George Devilbiss....	900
Messrs Thomas, James, Baker and Roger Johnson	10,000
Messrs John Jacob Schley and John Shellman...	1000
Mr Thomas Schley Junr.	200
Mr Peter Grosh	2000
Mr John Adlum	1000
Mr Valentine Black....	1000
Mr Melchor Stayley....	200
Mr Samuel Duvall	1000
Mr Daniel Horner	500
Mr Nicholas Tice.....	600
Mr Thomas Hawkins...	1000
Mr Joseph Wood.....	2000
Mr Philip Smith.....	800
Mr Andrew Fogle	400
Mr Christian Stoner....	400
Mr Bostian Wychall....	200
Mr Samuel Flemming..	1000
Mr Nicholas Hower....	1000
Mr Andrew Krug.....	400
Mr Adam Jacobs	200
Mr Richard Richards...	200
Mr Anthony Stuck.....	300
Messrs Laurence Bringle & Jacob Gomber.....	4000
Mr Jacob Grove	500
Mr Elisha Beall	250
Mr William Murdock Beall	1000
Mr Charles Shell	500
Mr Jacob Kendall.....	500
Mr John Cronise.....	1000
Mr Frederick Henop ...	400
Mr Jacob Schley.....	1000
Mr Michael Raymer....	1630
Mr John Huffman	500
Mr Abraham Kipps	300
Mr Benjamin Johnson..	2000
Mr Thomas Ogle.....	600
Mr Philip Pifer	300
Mr William House.....	300
Mr Conrod Grosh	300
Mr Philip Berger.....	400
Mr Michael Allen.....	400
Capt. George Cooke....	1000
Mr Thomas Schley Senr.	600
Mr Robert Wood.....	1000
Mr Jacob Shelman.....	200
Mr Jacob Miller.....	500
Mr Francis Wantz.....	300
Mr Abraham Faw	1000
Mr George Snatzell	2000
Dollars—	55,630

June 21 Red Book No. 7 Letter No. 46 [Sam Huntington, Philadelphia to His Excy Gov Lee]

Sir Congress have at different Periods recommended Measures which they deemed essentially necessary for the public Good

They now request of those States which have made returns to Congress of their Transactions in that respect, the most expeditious Information of the Measures they have taken in Consequence of the several resolutions, a List of which is annexed to the enclosed Act of Congress of the 17th Instant.

[Edward Hamilton, Charles County to Council] June 21

[Asks commission in army.]

[Jos'a Beall, P^s G^s C^ty to Gov Lee] June 21

S^r I was informed the Other day that one Andrew Wailes who lives in Bladensburgh, had Entertained one of the Convention prisoners who had made his Escape from Virginia, I Examined the person who I was informed, had seen him there on Oath, But by his deposition he appeared to be something of a pedler, I can as yet here of no Other person who saw or knows any thing about this Stranger, but what is somthing remarkable, this Wailes the next morning made several bets two to one that Charles Town surrendered to the Enemie the Twelfth of May.

Wailes is one of those fellowes who was accused with Assisting one of the Goodricks & some Other prisoners in making their Escape from Alex^a some years ago, and though he was Acquited of the charge in Virginia, The People in Alex^a were so fully convinced of his Guilt in that & Other Villenys, that they drove him from thence; And he on taking the Oath to the State has been suffered to live since that, in Bladensburgh. But from what I can learn of the fellows beheavior, he is as vile a tory as any in America, he is now become one of the greatest traders in Town, and by his artfull conduct seems to be gaining some influence over the weak unthinking People, and has of late become a companion & high in Esteem among the Torys of the first rank, having been lately Admitted as I understand to a very high Entertainment kept by them, some say to celebrate the Kings birth day, Others on the News of the surrender of Charles Town, which seems to have been the real & true cause of their feastivity, For certain it is, that the Torys & Enemies to America, have mutch speedier & Truer Acc^ts of those Events, than any other people on the Continent. But, This is not mutch to be wondered at, While there are such Numbers of people daily Passing & repassing & no Question Askt, some as Officers, some as Express, & others as Speculaters, many of whome though they have bound themselves by Oath to support the independance of America, its to be feared are the worst kind of Torys among us; I fear without some change in our conduct, America will at length be Duped out of all she has been contending for. Would it not be highly Necessary at this time to issue Orders, or rather pass an Act Enjoyning all Officers both Civil & Military, to take up & Examine all persons whatever that are passing through this State let their business be what it may, & those who cant give a very good Acc^t of themselves, or some Testimonials of their honest intentions, to confine in Goal till such time they can give such Satisfaction; some such Expedient seems to be highly Necessary for the welfair of America at this juncture. Would it not be necessary to Oblige this

June 21 fellow Wailes to give very good securety for his Good behaviour Nothing but the good of the cause of my country could have induced me to take the freedom of Troubling you with this.

June 21 [Joseph Dashiell, Salesbury to Gov. Lee]

Sir The Late Govr gave me Orders to ship Eight Barrels of pork that Lay at my House to Annapolis the first Convenient Oppertunity. I have never bin able to send it forward till now except I had hired a vesel on purpose. Capt Dashiell now has agreed to Call and Deliver it to your order for Thirty Dollars p^{r} Barrell freight, which please pay. I Believe you will find it as good as any Pork of the same age in the State it is what I put up for the public in 1778: I Rec^{d} your Letter Relative to the Corn which I shall Immediately Comply with

June 21 [Peregrine Tilghman Talbot County to Thos S. Lee Esqr]

Sir Your fav^{rs} of the 6th & 17th Instant came to hand only yesterday, all the Flour Wheat seized by me has been forwarded agreeable to your directions some time past, except 234 Bus^{l} of Wheat which I expect is sent of before this but cant say with certainty I shall be glad to know with whom this Business is to be settled being prepared with receipts to close My accounts

Return of all the Flour Wheat & Corn seized by Peregrine Tilghman. 661 Barrells of Flour @ £70 ꝑ C^{t} 1996 Bush^{s} of Wheat @ £20 ꝑ Bush^{l} 500 Bush. of Indian Corn @ £ 10 ꝑ Bush^{l}

June 22 [George Dashiell, Somerset County, to Gov. Lee.]

Sir I have made a return of 1280 bushels of corn purchased by me in this county for the use of the army. At the time I made the purchase to prevent disappointment, I gave certificate, and took obligation for the delivery when required. On sending for the corn sundry persons refuse to furnish the quantity sold and alledge that they are rendered unable to comply with their Contracts by the hard winter, out of the above quantity there is not a probability of Collecting but 7382 bushels. Those persons are soliciting me to take in the certificate they have received in payment, and to give them others for the Quantities they have furnished. As a commissioner I dont consider myself at liberty to do it, and begg your Excellencys Instructions in what manner I am to proceed with respect to them.

June 22 Letter No. 49 [Sam. Huntington, President, Philadelphia to His Excy Govr. Lee]

Sir Your Excellency will herewith receive an Act of Congress of the 21. Instant, which will no doubt be duly attended to.

Those parts of the Act in particular that relate to giving Information to Congress and their Committee at Head Quarters, it is

most earnestly requested may be attended with the utmost Expedition and Punctuality. Red Book No. 7

The Time is come when we may hourly expect the Arrival of the Forces of our Ally, and the Plan of Operation ought to be completely formed, and ready to be communicated upon their Arrival, which cannot be done for want of proper and certain Information, of the number of Forces, Quantity of Supplies &c which the States will furnish.

Under these Circumstances you will easily perceive, that Congress and the Commander in Chief are placed in a most painful situation, and that the Interest, Honor & Safety of these States are too much affected to admit of the least Delay or Neglect of any & every Execution which the present situation of our Affairs demand

June 23. Since writing the foregoing I have received a Letter from his Exc^{y} Genl Washington an Extract of which is enclosed together with an Act of Congress of this Day, by which you will be further informed of the pressing Necessity of immediately forwarding on the supplies of Men and Provisions with the utmost Expedition and the repeated request of Congress to transmit to them & their Committee at Head Quarters the Proceedings of the State over which you have the honour to preside in such Manner that the Commander in Chief may rely & be enabled to regulate his future regulations thereon

[Jos'a Beall, Lieut P^{s} G^{s} County to Gov Lee] June 23

Sr Inclosed is a return for Militia Commission wanted for this County, which I shuld be Glad to receive by Coll^{l} Lucas who will deliver you this.

I wrote you some time ago concerning the Ammunition in Bladensburgh; If it is not thought adviseable to sell and turn it into money, I could Wish to have your Orders to deliver it to the several Field Officers & Captains who would make themselves Accountable for it.

I have not Examined it since I made a return of the Quantity, it has been Ever since in a Store house kept by Mr Dick, without any Expence to the publick; Mr Dick is now about giving up the house & desires I would remove it, This cannot be done without some Expence, besides that of the hire of a house to put it in, which I immagine would be somthing considerable. Your speedy directions as to the Disposal of it will greatly oblige

A return for Military Commissions wanted in P^{s} G^{s} C^{ty}

For the Upper Battalion Benjamin Harwood Cap^{n} in the place of Cap^{n} Joseph Jones resigned

For Cap^{n} Shaws late Cap^{n} Carltons Comp^{y} William Moore 1st Lieut. Promoted to Cap^{n} in the place of Cap^{n} Shaw who is removed

June 23 to Virginia. Richard Cramphin Ensigne Promoted to 1st Lieut^t in the place of Thos Boyde who is gone into the continental Service Samuel Sheckells 2^d Lieu^t Adam Craige Ensign

For Cap^n Mullicans Comp^y Richard Ducket f^r Ensigne, Promoted to 2^d Lieut. in place of Barucke Ducket Resigned. Phillip Turner, Ensign

Officers wanted in the Middle Battalion Zach^h Berre 1st Lieut. Promoted to Cap^n in place of Clement Wheeler resigned. Mordica Burges 2^d Lieut. Promoted to first Lieut in place of Berre Richd Hill 2^d Lieut. in place of Saml Wheeler the late Ensign resigned. Thomas Marshall, Ensigne

Malbro Company Samuel Hepburn 1st Lieut. Promoted to Cap^n in place of John Smith Brookes resigned John Clarke Sprigg 2^d Lieut Promoted to 1st Lieut. in place of Hepburn Richd Burges J^r Ensign, Promoted to 2^d Lieut. in place of Sprigg Edward Willet, Ensign

June 23
Red Book
No. 26
Letter
No. 34

[T. Donnellan, Baltimore to His Excy Governor Lee.]

Sr The 21st Inst. Received your Excellencys Letter respecting Fish purchased of Mr Hudson & in Obedience thereto immediately Shiped on Board The Dolphin Seventy Barrels of Herring for Elk.

While The Vessel was Loading discovered that he had only Ninety Barrels of Herring & fifteen Barrels of Shad to give me, owing to some Prior Engagement.

When Capt. Middleton returns will send Thirty Barrels to Annapolis, then there will only five remain with me.

Yesterday Evening got Col^l Stones Letter desiring me to have the Fish carefully examined, which shall be done with what remains.

I think more Fish may be purchased in Town upon moderate Terms.

There now remains only about six Barrels of Meat in the Issuing Stores here

June 25
Brown Book
No. 7
Letter
No. 30

[Luzerne Philadelphia to Gov. Lee]

Monsieur Jeprends la liberte á ádresser á votre Excellence une lettre que je la prie de vouloir bien faire parvenir á Richemont et ensuite an Cap henry par la chaine d'Exprēs que le Congres a demandé qui Fût établie dans les Etats de Maryland et de Virginie, Le President du Congres ne doute pas que ces exprēs n'áient été postés de maniere á vendre la communication aussi pronte que possible, et je prends la liberte de vous prier, Monsieur, d'ordonner qu'elle soit conservée avec soin et dans toute sou activité jusqu'au moment on le Congres aura decidé qu'on peut la reformer. Si ces Exprēs n'avoient pas encore été Etablis il en bien à désirer quéls puissent l'Etre sur le champs et en attendance je vous prie de vou-

loir bien donner ordre an porteur de cette Lettre de poursuivre Sa route sans perdre de tems jusquá Richmond. Brown Book No. 7

J'ai le plaisir d'anoncer a Votre Excellence que les Espagnols viennent d'envoyer 10,000 Hommes de troupes et environ 12 vaisseaux de ligue à la havane. Ces forces serout en Etat d'entreprendre quelquu'expedition importante

J'ai l'honneur d'Etre avec un respectueux attachement Monsieur de Votre Excellence Le trēs humble et trēs obeissant serviteur

Le Cte de la Luzerne

[T. Donnellan, Baltimore, to Gov. Lee] June 26 Red Book No. 26 Letter No. 33

Sr This covers a Copy of Col^o Hen: Hollingsworths Rec^t for seventy Barrels of Herring (purchased of Mr Joh^n Hudson) alledging that one half of them are spoiled. When I Rec^d them from Mr Hudson he declared to me that he had them carefully examined before he woud pay the person who undertook to cure them & assured me that they were very good. This was prior to Col. Stones Letter ordering me to examine them. This morning had all that remained, opened & found but fifteen Barrels of Shad & fifteen Barrels of Herring passable, which I send by Capt. Middleton to The Assistant Commissary of Issues at Annapolis, by which means none remains with me. Mr Hudson is not in Town. When he comes will acquaint him that he can't have a Settlement untill Col^l Hollingsworths Report comes to hand.

Mr Willm Smith informs me that he will not receive any Flour but what will pass Inspection & as there's reason to apprehend that a great part of what comes to me is not Merchantable, I beg to be fully Instructed on that Head.

Rec^d June 23^d 1780, by the Schooner Dolphin, Capt William Middleton, Seventy Barrels of Herring wch from appearance are one half Spoil'd wch cannot be immediately Examined as Capt. Middleton wants dispatch, but shall be examin'd and Reported. hereafter. Recd by H. Hollingsworth D. Q. M. G.

[George Washington Head Quarters Ramapaugh to Honble Dan'l St Thomas Jenifer & Hon'ble Josiah Beall] Brown Book No. 1 Letter No. 35 June 27

Gentlemen I was last Evening honored with yours of the 22^d Ins^t containing propositions of both Houses for substituting a compleat additional Battalion enlisted for the War, in lieu of the aid of Militia required by the Committee of Cooperation in conjunction with me. The reasons urged by you, in support of this Alteration, are weighty, and such as, all circumstances considered, I think are sufficient to induce an acceptance of your offer, provided you can be upon a certainty of filling and marching the Battalion to the place of rendezvous by or near the time fixed upon for the junction

Brown Book No. 1 of the Militia in at furthest by the last of July. But this you will be pleased to observe is only my opinion upon the Subject. As the Committee of Cooperation are yet at Morris Town, some distance from hence, I have taken the liberty, to save time, of putting this letter under a flying Seal to them, and have desired them, if they coincide with me, to forward it to you, with their approbation of the measure.

It cannot yet be determined whether the whole or any of the Levies to compleat your Continental Battalions will be wanted to the Southward, perhaps circumstances may require that part of them should be sent to that quarter, and part come to this. It would be therefore most convenient to form them into two Corps for the present, under the care of such number of Officers as Major General Baron de Kalb will be able to spare from the Line. The number I am confident will be but few, as the Regiments were most of them very deficient of Subalterns when they marched from this Army. Inclosed you will find a letter to the Baron upon the Subject.

I cannot help impressing upon you Gentlemen the indispensible necesity of filling and forwarding the additional Battalion in the time I have before mentioned, or of having the whole, or the greater part of the Militia required, ready for service, in case you see no probability of compleating the Battalion as twenty five hundred Militia from your State we by our Estimates, deemed essential to the cooperation you will easily perceive that so great a diminution of force, alto the composition will be better, must be attended with many inconveniences. The compleating your Continental Battalions is a matter of equal importance.

Give me leave Gentlemen, to present through you, my warmest acknowledgments to both your Houses for their ready attention to and compliance with the several requisitions, more especially of provisions, which I have lately been under the necessity of making from them: And from the tenor of the letter which I have now the honor of answering. I am confident that no means will be left untried to furnish the men in question, either upon a permanent establishment, or if that cannot be done in a reasonable time, for a temporary service

I have the Honor to be with the most perfect Respect Gentlemen Your most ob^{t} and most h^{ble} Servt G^{o} Washington

June 29 Red Book No. 27 Letter No. 26 [John Carlile, Capt.; Michael Gilbert, Capt.; John Hughes, Capt.; Joseph Lewis, Lt; Camp New Jersey to Gov. Lee]

Sir We did ourselves the Honor of addressing your Excellency some time last winter on the Subject of our necessities. We were induced to believe that our grievances would soon be redressed from a Resolve of your Assembly which passed soon after enabling you to afford us the same supplies as were allowed the troops serv-

ing in the line of the state, but we are sorry to find that the matter rested here and that no farther Provision than the bare Resolve has been made, which your Excellency must be sensible is insufficient to answer our present Exegencies. We therefore beg that whenever the more weighty concerns of your State will admit of it; that your Excellency will please to cast your eyes for a moment on the officers and Soldiers of your State belonging to this Regiment, and order the same Supplies of money Cloathing and other stores as were given the troops of the Maryland line to be forwarded to them as soon as possible. Your Excellency we trust will have due regard to the time of furnishing the different sums of money to the officers of your line and make such farther allowances for the Depreciation of the mony as you may think just and equitable, as the gratuity given in the Spring of 1779 and the fall following will be found entirely insufficient to answer the purpose it was intended for, and as to the sums furnished the officers on their March to the Southward we can say nothing of. We would only wish to remind your Excellency that we performed as long and fatiguing a march in the course of the last summer without the Assistance of any State or other County. Red Book No. 27

We have directed Mr Amos Loney to wait on you for the several sums of Money allowed us by the Assembly and request it may be paid into his hands in order to be forwarded to us.

NB in furnishing the Stores for The troops y^r^ Excellency will please to have reference to the return from the Board of War, for the numbers.

[Sam Huntington, President, Philadelphia to His Excellency Gov. Lee.] June 29 Red Book No. 7 Letter No. 53

Sir The urgent necessity of drawing into the public Treasury the ten millions of Dollars mentioned in the Act of the 19th May was so fully pointed out, that Congress exceedingly regret the failure of this necessary supply. the conjuncture is already arrived when it is become essential not only to the operations of this Campaign but to the very existence of the Army.

Congress therefore can no longer delay reiterating the most importunate Sollicitations that the proportions of each of the States be forwarded immediately. For this purpose they have dispatched a special Messenger, & they trust he will not meet with disappointment. A further sum must also be speedily had or it will be impossible for the operations to proceed. Congress have therefore drawn on those States for the remainder of their Quotas to the first of March last inclusive; And it is their duty to conjure the several States, if they should still be unprepared that they will at all events transmit their arrears to the period last mentioned to the Continental treasury within thirty days from the date of the warrants.

Red Book No. 7 The monthly estimates of money heretofore made were but barely sufficient at that time. their value has since greatly diminished & the payment has been delayed long after it become due. These circumstances have already involved our affairs in much perplexity & driven to expedients which nothing but the last necessity could justify. Permanency & arrangement in the public finances must at every hazard be introduced & supported. In this view Congress do again with the most earnest Solicitude press on the several States the necessity of vigorous & decisive measures for carrying into full & immediate execution their resolutions of the 18th of March last. The doing which at the same time that it places public credit on the surest basis will in the course of the year give all the relief that could possibly result from a further emission equal to the whole that is now in circulation. These resolutions Congress are persuaded are every day better understood, & that upon giving them their full effect very much depends the final establishment of our Liberties.

It is unnecessary that Congress should suggest to the several States the expediency of providing by Loans against any deficiency they may have reason to apprehend from their taxes.

The blank bills for the several States will be forwarded as fast as the Acts of their Assemblies providing funds for them are transmitted to Congress

June 29 [Thos. Beall of Geo. Town to His Excellency Thos Sim Lee]

Sir This day Ship'd 1380 Bushells of Indian Corn on Acct of the State, to Colo Hy. Hollingsworth at head of Elk, it being the Surplus above the Quantity Ordered to be left at this post. have recd about 80 Bushells of wheat from Prince Georges County, and am Apprehensive it will not keep without it's Manufactured,

Shall be greatly Obliged to your Excellency to inform me what to have done with it.

The Jobbers of this place we are every day dunning me for money, due them from the State, for load'g Vessels, &c &c

June 29 [Isaac Perkins, Kent County, to the Council]

Gentn By the Inclosed Deposition you'll observe that my Invaluable set of Mills were burned to the Ground on the 27th Instant at night before I reached home from Annapolis My Conjectures are that the Tories in the upper part of this County flushed with the Enemys success against Charles Town and the Arrival of Clinton with Troops from the Southward to New York and knowing The precarious supply that our army has had for some time past and the Considerable Consequence my Mills has been in Manufacturing such large Quantitys of Grain for the Army and french

fleet added to the hatred to me they have taken for my steady Attachment to the Independence of America and my Acceptance of the Execution of the Act to procure flour and other provisions for the Army Especially The seizure of the wheat at New Markett that was Intended to be Carried out of the State has caused those Villians to hire some Abandoned Wretch to set those Mills on fire I am the more Inclined to this Opinion because it was known that I was at Annapolis and it is said the Tories were Industrously reporting that I was at Annapolis to apply for a Commission of the like nature. Now Gentlemen I have no doubt but you'll Consider this Crime in full as heinious a light as myself and that it proceeded from the same Motives I therefore request the favour of you to apply for me to the Governor and Council to Issue their proclamation Offering a reward to any person whoe will discover the persons Concerned and proclaiming full and free pardon to the person making the Information unless he should be the principal and if the Governor and Council can doe nothing for me to apply to the General Assembly or both in your Discretion to doe what you think Just and reasonable for me if any Expence should Acrue in printing or any other manner if you'll pay it for me I will reimburse you the money. June 29

The deposition of John Cooper aged seventeen being duly sworn saith, that he has been Clark to Col° Isaac Perkins about five months & superintendant of his Mills, that on the 27th instant at night between Sun set & Dark he was at the Mill, at which time, no fire was in the Mill or near it to his knowledge, that the negroe Fellow (Miller) brought him the said Cooper the Key of the Mill within ten minutes after; that about one o'Clock in the night, he was awaked by Daniel Greenwood blacksmith to the said Isaac Perkins, who told him that the mill was on fire that he immediately arose & went towards the Mill, at which time it was nearly consumed together with a Saw Mill & fulling Mill, & that about an hour & half, the said Mills were entirely reduced to ashes, that there was destroy'd in the Griest Mill a Quantity of Flour which he supposes to be from fifty to ninety barrells & about one hundred & thirty or forty barrells of ship stuff & that he is of opinion the said Mills were set on fire designedly. W. Bordley June 28

[H. Hollingsworth, D. Q. M. Gl. Head of Elk, to His Excellency, Thomas Sim Lee in Council] June 28

Gentlemen. Inclosed is the account of Flour & Wheat that has come to this Post since the seizing Law took Place. I have apply'd to Mr Pat. Ewing's assistant for an account of his which he says it cant yet be had untill he settles with the Millers, and as several of them Lives out of the neighbourhood I cant conveniently procure the

June 30 quantity of them, the flour from the Delaware State I shall procure and send forward as soon as I get money to pay the freight, have sent a Vessel to Choptank for Wedderstrands Flower, many People of this County are willing to lend money if they could procure it where it is due, and as I am a common Debtor are very willing to lend the money which I owe them on Public account, could certificates on Loan be had, this I promised to inform your Excellencys and Honours of, the Bearer Capt. Wm Riely of the sick and invaledes of our Brigade they are bound to Petersburgh I take the Liberty of recommending to you for advice and Assistance, should he want it

June 30 [Jesse Hollingsworth, Baltimore to Gov. Lee]

Sir I have made Bold to Call on you By letter for Part of the Money Due me Have sent the Orders By Mr James Williams for Payment Please Pay him as I am in Want of the Money and the Orders Have Been Due Some time should Be Very thankful to have One of the Orders if Not Both, say the Smallest if that Will Oblige you. But Hope Both those Will be Paid as the 10 hh^{ds} of Rum is still Behind and am in Want of the Whole and am under the Necessity of Asking you your Compliance Will Oblige your Needy friend and Humble serv^{t}

June 30 [Rd. Hooe, Alexandria to Gov. Lee.]

S^{r} By the bearer Roger Chew you will receive two Letters brought here this Morning by an express.

I am exceedingly sorry Parker did not get here in time to send the despatches all by one rider, for it has disconcerted us a good deal, being obliged to send the Man Stationd for you with Parkers Letters to Richmond, & now have to hunt for one to go to Annapolis

Besides it will unnecessarily Cost at least 200 £ Virg^{a} Currency sending the extra express all owing to Parkers delay.

Your Excellency was very obliging in the good news you was so kind as to give me by Burk, it has revived us much, and I am very thankfull for it.

No Date [Edward Giles to Governor and Council]

[Asks commission in Regiment]

No Date Red Book No. 26 Letter No. 81 [Rich'd Dallam Ltt, to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esqr]

S^{r} I Received from James Horner Esqr six Guineas belonging to Daniel King a Deserter from home I paid two thousand Dollars for taking him up if your Excellency thinks he is entitled to receive the same, Please to order him the payment of the Six Guineas & charge the same to Your H. Servt

[Will'm Dunster To His Excellency The Governor and Council] No Date

May it please Your Excellency and Council, Whereas your Application who has resided in Queen Anns County Near Six Years; Always Acted Agreeable to the Laws of the State, which I am perswaded Can be well Testifyed, I Left England in Octr 1774; Arrived at Annapolis in December of the same year; with Intention to get Passage to Jamaica; to receive Sundry Sums of money which I Left for my Brother to receive by a Letter of Attorney; as many Unforseen Accidents happend Early after my Arrival: and Likewise the Unfortunate Contentions betwixt Great Britain And the United States, is the Motives that posponded my Application, in hopes of Happy; and Early Determination to the War now subsisting, as that happy Hour seems to be a remote Distance, and I am Advanced in Years: Likewise by a fall from a horse Upwards of fifteen months ago: which I am Afraid in a short time will render me Incapable of getting my Daily Support. Wherefore Hon^be Sirs, I hope you will grant me a pass to New York as the most Convenient place to procure a passage to Jamaica.

We the Subscribers are of opinion the detention of the within petitioner here would be of little Service to America

John Brown	Sam Ridgaway	James O Bryon
Thos Fitzsimons	John Fisher	Clem. Sewell

[Pierre Savarit to Son Excellence Monsieur Le Gouverneur et Messieurs du Conseil D'Etat du Maryland] No Date Red Book No. 30 Letter No. 11

Messieurs Pierre Savarit, interressé avec M M Senet Windet et Compagnie, proprietaire de la manufacture royalle d'arme le Charlesville en france, dans l'Etablisement d'une manufacture continentalle d'armes, fondrie de Canons, et fourniture generalle d'armes aux Etats unis, en Consequence de deux Contracts, L'un avec l'honnorable Congres, l'autre avec l'Etat de Virginie a l'honneur de Voux representee avec respect

Qu'etant muni des plains pouvoirs de sa Comp^l il est expressement venee dans cette Ville a fin de Vous faire les offres a service de lad' Compagnie, pour tous les objetre dont vous avez, on aurez besoin pour l' Equipement et entretient des troupes et places de cet Etat, le quels objets vous seront fournier en bloc le plustot possible, Si vous en avez besoin dans le moment et ensuitte dans une quantité fixee d'anné en année pendant huit ans á les prix et suivant les modelles et Conditions réglés par les parties interessees Le Sieur Savarit aura l'Honneur de Vous donner de Nive voix Messieurs, guard vous l'exigerez tous les ecclaircessements et renseignements necessaires pour fixer vos ydées, et a servir vos determinations avant de prendre aucuns engagaments avec luy; les avantager de ses propo-

Red Book No. 30 sitions sont si evident qu'il devient Superflu de les detaillir, Jl se Borne à Vous prier de Vouloir bien les prendre en Consideration, et de luy rendre une reponse le plustot qu'il vous Sera possible.

Letter No. 17 Pierre Savarit agree an nom de La Compagnie de faire aussitôt possible toutes les fournitures dout L'Estat du Maryland a besoin aux Conditions suivantes Scavoir.

1° Que J'Etai fera davance des remises en france au Entrepreneurs pour la moitié de ses Demandes lesquelles remises Seront Vendu an plus grand avantage de L'Etat Sous la Commission de cinq pour Cent.

2° Que les entrepreneurs auront aussi ui une Commission de Cinq pour Cent sur l'achat de tous les objets de les Demander a l'exception des armes et dependance donc les prix Seront fixes icy pour ce qui regarde les petites armes a feu et en france pour le qui regarde ses Canons affuts &c^a provenant de la manufacture et ateliers dés Entrepreneurs

3° Que L'Etat S'engagera a faire de seconder remises aux Entrepreneurs dans six mois a Compter du jour du depart de france des fournitures susdittes pour les dittes remises apres avoir été vendues Comme dessus et avoir prelevé la Commission de Cinq pour Cent etre employée a payer le restant des avances des Entrepreneurs

4° En fin que l'Etat payera dix pour cent d'interêt des avances du fret et des assurences Si les Entrepreneurs Sout chargés de ces objets et en leur remboursant le Capital tel qu'il le trouvera exister lors des Expeditions.

No Date [John Hughes To His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee & the Honr^ble Members of Council]

Relying on y^r Humane Dispositions, I Presume to approach y^r Honours in the most suppliant manner, in hopes I may be found one of the many Examples of your tenderness and mercy. Your Humble Petitioner most Honourable Gentlemen Begs leave to offer to Your Consideration, a series of Continued Hardships Undergone in the many Campaignes he has served in 15 in the service of Britain & 4 in the American Service: which together with the Increase of Age (now 51 years) Has occasioned many Corporal Disorders in Particular Rheumatic Pains, allmost without Intermission By which means the Duties of Camp & Fatigues of march are Become too arduous for me to Endure. My Wife and Family in the next Place Honour'd Gentlemen thro' Poverty and Informity are Suffering for the Common Necessaries of Life, During my absence. All which taken Gentlemen into Your Consideration, I hope will Induce you to Commiserate my hard Fortune & to Discharge from the Service Your most Humble Petitioner and Obedient servant

[The Petition endorsed by: Isaac Clare, Jarvis Avis, Richard Evrest, John Williams, Kinsey Gardner, Joseph Gardner, Lyas Dotson, John Mills, James Dotson, John Pautoy, William Gray, Thos Gray, Eason Edmonds, Jno Pitcher, Saml Pitcher, Leonard Mills, Edward Trueman, F. Williams, Thos Boney.] Red Book No. 30

[Bennett Mathews to Gov Lee] No Date

His Excellency Sir Wensday Septemr the fourth Calep Hall in the Boat Liberty came along side the Independance at North Point and Informed me he had stores for New Town Chester with your orders which I have Taken upon me to Stop and sent her back to Baltimore, which Sir I hope you will Excuse as there is no Passing the Bay at this time there Being a Large Ship Laying off Swan Point and two Tenders which came down the Bay to day one other Large Ship Stood down the Bay to Annapolis and at four o'clock in the Evening saw the smoke of several Cannon of Kent Island and soon after saw one Large Ship Standing up the Bay off Love Point, I shall still Continue my Station heare to watch if they make any attempt on this Port which I shall inform you with and shall give you all the Inteligence shall appear to me; I could wish the other Galleys was down the River as they would be of Great use as one Galley is two much Exposed with there Tenders & Boats to take a full view of them

P. S. Should the Bay be not clear to Morrow and you think Proper if David comes down I think we shall be able to Convoy Calip Hall across to Easton Neck there was three Large Ships went down Past Swan Point yesterday about four o'clock.

[Rebecker Phelps To his Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esqr Governor of Maryland, and To his Honourible Council] No Date

the Humbel Petition of Rebecker Phelps Widdow of James Phelps, who Departed this Life on yesterday the 26 of this instant, by a long and tedgus Spel of the Dropsey, which has Renderd him unabel to be of any Maner of assistance to himself or your Humbel Petitioner or his famely of poore helples Children, and has Redused your Petitioner by his sickness & the severity of Times, To the Necessity of Beggin your Excellencys Releaf in Gettin him some plank to Make a Coffen, as it not in your Humble Petitioners power to purchase as Much, and I hope the Honble Council will Consider the Distress of their Humble Petitioner, and Distribute as Much as will inabel their Humble Petitioner to Burey her Deceased Husband, which will Ever in Dutey bound in Gage the prayers of your Petitioner.

Red Book No. 30 No Date [Elizabeth Halley To His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esquire Governor of Maryland and To His Honourable Council.]

The Humble Petition of Elizabeth Haley of the City of Annapolis Wife of Caleb Haley a Soldier in the service of this State and now on duty at the American Camp Humbl Sheweth That Your Petitioner is in very poor and low circumstances and out of all manner of employ by means whereof she is entirely incapable of providing herself with the real necessarys of life.

That your Petitioner's Husband has already served in three Campaigns and Your Petitioner hath never hitherto received the least public support.

In consideration whereof Your Petitioner humbly prays your Excellency and Honours to order rations to be allowed her until she can otherways be enabled to support herself and to grant her such further and other relief as her case requires

No Date [Dorthy Hedrington To His Excellency Thomas Simm Lee Esquire Governor of Maryland and To His Honourable Council]

The Memorial and Petition of Dorothy Hedrington of the City of Annapolis Widow Sheweth That Your Memorialist is a Native of Great Britain where her Friends now reside and her Interest is deposited and having no connections in any part of the United States of America is anxious to return to her native Country by the way of New York but as she cannot possibly travel there, through the United States or cross the lines without a regular Passport

Your Memorialist humbly prays Your Excellency and Honours to grant her a passport by virtue whereof she may be enabled to travel thro' the United States to the City of New York and cross the lines without the least stop or impediment from the Military or Civil Powers of any of the States through which she may happen to pass or travel.

No Date [H. Hollingsworth To His Excellency the Governor and the Honorable Council of the State of Maryland]

The Memorial of Henry Hollingsworth Humbly Sheweth, that your Memoralist was appointed by your Excellency and Honors in the year 1779 to Borrow money on Loan office Certifycates in behalf of the State, and did obtain the three sums of money as p^r the account attending this Memorial, amounting to six thousand nine Hundred and two pounds fifteen shillings, which sums, ware Receated for by your Memorialist according to the instructions given him, and which moneys from necessity ware immediately apply'd to the uses of this and the United States, a report made thereon as soon as convenient to your Excellency and Honors, and Credit

given to this State, on your Memorialists Books, Soposing Certifycates (bearing Interest) in the names of the persons from whome the several Sums ware Borrowed, could be had at a future day, on your Memorialist making a formal applycation for said Certifycates, do finde that the Law for borrowing money on Certifycates was discontinued before said Certifycates were apply'd for, (which your Memorialist was unacquainted with) Red Book No. 30

Your Memorialist therefore Humbly pray (that as the said moneys Rec^d^ ware Immediately apply'd to the uses of the States) that Certifycates bearing Intrest from the date of the Receaval of said money, may be Issued to the several persons from whome the said Loan was obtained, or such other order taken in the premises as to your Excellency and Honors shall seem Just and meet.

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